



AGILITY TEAM SCOTLAND SELECTION DAY

to be held under WAO rules and regulations at:

**The Brae
Dundee
DD5 3GL**

On

01/OCT/2017

Judges: John McEwan & Toni Dawkins

Competition opens: 08:00, Judges Briefing 08:15,

Timed Course walking starts 08:20, Judging Starts 08:45

Closing date for entries: 31/08/2017

By entering this event you are confirming your ability to attend the entire World Agility Open event to be held on 18th – 20th May 2018 at KNHS National Equestrian Centre, Ermelo, Netherlands

Competition Manager: Alan Short
Team Manager: Alan Short

Entry Fees: £25 per dog. This includes all entry to all classes
Entry and fees can be made via <http://www.showtime-online.co.uk/>. Running orders will be available online and on the selection day. No running orders will be posted

Any queries about the selection day then please contact:
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ELIGIBILITY FOR EVENT:

Dog: KC Grades 5, 6 or 7; UKA Senior or Champion status on the closing date

Handler: To be born in Scotland, or be a permanent resident in Scotland on the day of the event. Proof may be requested at the selection day

It is preferred the handler/dog partnership competing at the selection day are a regular partnership during current/preceding agility season. Note handlers do not need to be the owner of the dog but must have the owners' permission to take part in the selection day.

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ABOUT AGILITY TEAM SCOTLAND

Agility Team Scotland Vision Statement

It is the vision of Agility Team Scotland to have the best possible team represent Scottish Agility at the World Agility Open Championships 2018. A team which consists of the best of Scottish Agility handler and Dog partnerships

Agility Team Scotland Mission Statement

Agility Team Scotland' mission is to foster a collaborative team environment where opportunity for improvement will be shared in an open and supportive manner. Team work and mutual respect is of fundamental importance and we believe challenges can be managed jointly with ease.

Agility Team Scotland Core Objectives

Select a team which best represents Agility Team Scotland

Provide a quantitative selection process. To encourage partnerships to perform to their highest and to select a team who have the potential to succeed.

Prepare for the World Agility Open Championship 2018

Support team partnerships in their preparation and participation at the World Agility Championship in 2018. To identify strengths which can be exploited and create plans to manage weakness. Prepare both the handler and dog for a potential podium place.

Promote the sport of Agility in Scotland

Encourage team members to learn from their experience as part of the team and to promote Agility Team Scotland throughout the Scottish Agility community



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ABOUT THE SELECTION DAY

The Selection Day Venue

For further information and directions to the venue please refer to (<http://www.brae.org.uk/>)

This is an active equestrian facility and as such please keep dogs under control at all times. Please respect horse owners. Always pick up after your dog and use the bins provided.

The venue has a large indoor arena with a sand surface similar to that of the WAO event venue. Ample parking is provided and an area to exercise dogs. There are no onsite catering facilities.

There is no camping available at the venue

The Selection Process

For WAO 2018, Team Scotland will consist of a minimum 3 dogs chosen from each height category, i.e. between 12. Only dogs that are entered and participate in the selection day will be considered.

The selection of the team will be the responsibility of the team manager. There will be one automatic win on spot for each height category. These places will be announced on the selection day. It is aimed further team position(s) will be notified within 1 week of the selection day.

There may be an initial deposit to secure place on the team.

The team manager may decide to offer a reserve place to any handler/dog partnership.

The Selection Day

The day will consist of the following agility challenges:

- Agility round 1
- Jumping round 1
- Agility round 2
- Jumping round 2
- Speed stakes Final

This may be modified prior to the selection day dependent upon how many entries are received. Any changes will be published to allow partnerships to prepare accordingly. It is planned all entries will have the opportunity to partake in the speeds stake final however this again may be limited dependent upon entries on the day

Equipment used on the day will be aluminum & rubber contacts and jumps which reflect WAO rules and regulations.

Running orders will be published prior to the event. Running will be in strict order.

Dogs in heat can try out on the day and should be run in order. Notification of any dogs in heat should be made known to the team manager at the start of the selection day. When running a dog in heat, matting should be used at start position.

There will be 2 rings running concurrently. Agility round 1 will be run at the same time as jumping round 1. As will Agility round 2 and jumping round 2. The speed stakes will be run last on its own. There will be 3 course walking time slots, prior to Agility round 1, Agility round 2 and Speed stakes final. Course walking will be at the first height to be run in that ring. 12 minutes will be allocated for each course walking. There will be no course walking between heights.

The Selection Criteria

Each partnership will earn a score. A score can be defined as the cumulative placings in different rounds on the selection day. For example, a partnership with the following placings in the five rounds will have a cumulative score of **27**:

- Agility 1 – 2nd
- Jumping 1 – 10th
- Agility 2 – 7th
- Jumping 2 – 5th
- Speed stakes – 3rd

The criteria for the potential spots on the team will be as follows:

On the selection day, there will be 1 win on spot awarded. This will be the partnership with the lowest scores for all 5 rounds and they will be awarded the Pentathlon win on spot

A 2nd win on spot will be awarded for the Biathlon. This will be selected by the team manager from the partnership with highest score in a combination of agility and jumping i.e. the partnership with the lowest score for either agility 1 & jumping 1, agility 2 & jumping 2, agility 1 & jumping 2 or agility 2 & jumping 1. In the event the same partnership is eligible for the win on spot for both biathlon and pentathlon then the 2nd win on spot will be decided by the team Manager from the partnerships who earned 2nd placings in the pentathlon or the above biathlon combinations.

The 3rd spot will be decided by the team Manager upon review of the following:

- The partnership with the lowest cumulative score for Agility Round 1 and Agility Round 2
- The partnership with the lowest cumulative score for Jumping Round 1 and Jumping Round 2
- The Partnership with the fastest overall meter per second (MPS) for all rounds
- The winner of the Speeds stake final

How partnerships coped with the day, their attack of the courses set and skills demonstrated will influence the decision.

A discretionary 4th and 5th partnership may be selected on merit and will be based upon dog and handler experience and potential for achieving a podium place.

Only partnerships participating on the selection day will be considered.

Scoring for Ranking on the selection day

Scoring will be based upon combination of faults and time. Any faults incurred will be added to the time in seconds i.e. 5 faults will result in 5 seconds being added

The following faults will be employed during the selection day

- Knocked pole, refusal, missed contact, incorrect weave = 5 faults
- Elimination = 15 faults
- Failure to complete the course = 100 faults

Note these are different from the standard WAO scoring (which can be found <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORules&Regulations.pdf>) but designed such as to encourage partnerships to attack the course. Even after elimination faults will still be incurred so partnerships are encouraged to keep working and achieve as high an MPS as possible for that course. MPS will be calculated both including and excluding faults.

A placing will be given to all partnerships. In the event of a tie of faults and time in a given round then the partnerships will be given the same placing. This will be the lower of the places e.g. 3rd position will be awarded to partnerships achieving 3rd, 4th and 5th spots and the next position awarded will be 6th.

Partnerships that have automatically qualified for the 2018 WAO through achieving a podium position at the 2017 event must enter the selection day if want to be considered as part of ATS for other events that they did not win a podium spot for.

Some basic rules (these are taken from WAO rules <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORules&Regulations.pdf>)

Collars & Leads

Dogs must not wear any type of slip or half-slip lead, half collar, muzzle, harness or collar while competing. Stop pad protectors may be worn by a dog if approved by the team manager. Leads will be placed at the exit of the ring in a container. Only the handler may retrieve their lead from this container. Electric or choke chain collars may not be used anywhere at the selection event.

Timing & Equipment Failure Procedure

If during a competitors run, the timing fails, the competitor will rerun again however all faults from the first run will count. In the event of a re-run, the judge must deem that the handler has made a true and sportsman like effort to complete the course correctly or additional faults can be added.

Jump Height/Dog Height

There are four qualifying height divisions, so that dogs compete against dogs of a similar height. Dogs may compete in a division larger than the actual dog's height, but cannot compete in a lower division. Example: A dog which measures 450mm may enter & compete in the 600 division, but cannot compete in the 400 division. All dogs wanting to compete below the 600 class must obtain a record of measurement (or already have an official WAO measurement) before the selection event. This should be obtained at one of the measurements held at Scottish shows (note these are separate from KC measurements). In the event of a different measure (to the one that was competed at on the selection day) you will unfortunately lose your place.

Jump Height Division	Dog 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 max. 2 boards	450mm
400	410mm & under	400mm	1.7m	350 – 370mm	800mm max. 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	1.7m	440 – 460mm	1050mm max. 4 boards	650mm
650	Over 500mm	600mm	1.7m	530 – 550mm	1300mm max. 5 boards	750mm

Initial information for WAO event in 2018

If fortunate enough to be selected as part of Agility Team Scotland the following points should be noted:

Costs

Costs to the team members will be kept to a minimum where possible. Every effort will be made to attract support and sponsorship for ATS by the team manager. Team members are encouraged to fund raise personally to support their attendance at the event. There may be some restrictions on the sources of personal fund raising and subsequent publicity. These will be further detailed post the selection event.

Once known and as soon as possible, full costing for ATS participating at the 2018 WAO event will be given to team members.

There may be 1 main fund raising event to be held by the team to assist with costs for attending the event. Participation in the preparation and running of that event will be expected of team members and failure to do so may jeopardize their place on the team. This includes reserve spots should they be awarded.

Team Training Sessions

There will be 2 training sessions (dates and venue TBC). Attendance to these training sessions is compulsory unless exceptional circumstances as deemed by the team manager. This is inclusive of reserve spots should they be awarded.

These training sessions are held to aid partnerships prepare for the event and will cover, amongst others points, personal preparation for partnerships, team event rules and regulations, games, which is new to most handlers in Scotland.

It is expected partnerships will prepare a personal preparation plan leading up to their participation at the event. They will share and discuss this plan with the team manager.

Travel and accommodation for the event

It is expected partnerships organize their own travel arrangements for the WAO event. Team members are encouraged to work together a share transport where possible.

Provisional accommodation booking for the event will be made by the team Manager. It is up to team members to confirm directly with the accommodation and secure booking. Whilst there is benefit for all members of the team to be at the same accommodation, team members can find alternate accommodation should they choose.

All travel and accommodation costs will be the responsibility of team members. ATS will not be funding travel and accommodation either in part or full.

Team outfit

A team outfit including tops, jackets and mid layer will be selected by the team manager. Team members will be able to size and select required garments at one of the training sessions. Team members are expected to fund the cost of their team outfit. As a minimum team members are expected to obtain 3 tops and a jacket for the event. Additional items are optional.

The best of luck for your selection!!!!