

**THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TEAM
SELECTION TRYOUTS**

**for the
WORLD AGILITY OPEN (WAO)
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**to be held in Ermelo, The Netherlands from 18th to 20th May, 2018
will take place on Sunday 1 October, 2017
Venue TBA
Judge: TBA**

Team Manager: John Bowe

**Tryouts Secretary: Mary Dolan
Completed entry form and entry fee (payable to Mary
Dolan) should be forwarded to Mary Dolan, Lealands,
Garristown, Co Dublin**

**Closing Date for receipt of entries: Monday 28 August,
2017 (to be received)**

Show opens 10amJudges briefing 10.15amCourse walking 10.30am

About the World Agility Open 2017

The WAO Championships will take place from 18th - 20st May 2018 at The KNHS National Equestrian Centre in Ermelo, Netherlands. The Opening Ceremony planned for Thursday 17th May.

For information about the event, please visit the WAO web page –
www.worldagilityopen.com

Eligibility for event

The Republic of Ireland Team places will be open to **Grade 5, 6 and 7 dogs only** (under IKC or KC rules or equivalent grades under other Agility organisations), as at Monday 28 August, 2017.

By entering the selection day try-outs you are confirming your availability to compete at the WAO in Netherlands, in May, 2018.

All handler & dog partnerships wishing to be considered for the Republic of Ireland team for 2018 must enter the try-outs.

Those that meet the team selection criteria and are offered a place on the team will be required to lodge a non-refundable deposit of €200 to cover WAO team entry and related costs.

Team members will be responsible for all their own costs (estimated to be in the region of €1,500) and travel arrangements as well as appropriate insurance and documentation for themselves and their dog(s).

2018 TEAM SELECTION

In light of the increase in the standard at the WAO in recent years it is essential that those considering trying out have an understanding of the skill level required to compete at this world level event.

Should there be insufficient dogs qualifying, either in numbers or standard, the team managements reserves the right to introduce additional dogs where this is of benefit. In the event that sufficient dogs do not meet the required standard a much smaller team may be selected.

Win-on place

There will be 1 Jumping, 1 Agility and 1 Speedstrokes round. For each height classification at least **two rounds** must be completed with no more than 5 faults in each round and **within the course times**, in order to be eligible to compete for a win-on place. Where a number of dogs, in the same height classification, achieve this requirement the best combined results over the three rounds, in accordance with WAO Pentathlon scoring, will be deemed to have achieved the win-on place. Scoring is cumulative; faults (including time faults) are added to time and the lowest score wins.

There will be **one** win-on place available at each height classification.

The handler & dog partnership that qualify for the win-on places at each height will compete in the WAO Biathlon and the Individual Pentathlon events in 2018.

Remaining Places

For those who do not achieve a win-on place on the day the remaining places will be awarded based on the team management's assessment of performance at the try-outs as well as a skills test and a review of performance at previous international events.

Details of your performances at previous events that demonstrate your ability to meet the standard required to compete at the WAO should be submitted with the entry form.

All handler & dog partnerships wishing to be considered for the Republic of Ireland team for 2018 must enter the try-outs.

Up to two additional dogs in each height category may be offered the remaining places on the team.

In the event that sufficient dogs do not meet the required standards a smaller team may be selected.

A maximum of 3 dogs per height, for each class were allowed according to WAO Rules in previous years (however this is at the discretion of the WAO and may change subject to number of countries entering the event).

Please note the following:

- Dogs that do not currently have a WAO measurement **must be measured prior to the try-outs**. Please indicate on your entry form if your dog needs to be measured for WAO.
- By entering the try-outs you are confirming your availability to attend the entire WAO Championships from 18 to 20 May 2018, as well as practice day and Opening Ceremony on the 17 May, 2018.
- It is the handler's responsibility to ensure that their dog(s) comply with the Pets Travel Scheme (PETS) and other relevant travel requirements.
- Handlers must be fully committed to doing everything possible to prepare both themselves and their dogs in the lead up to the WAO. It is essential that handlers & dogs are fit and healthy. Accurate performance within course time is critical.
- Those who qualify for the 2018 squad must attend at least three of the five training sessions to be organised by the Team Manager.
- Performance at the training sessions will be used to determine the individual events for those who did not achieve win-on spots. If you are unable to attend these sessions it may affect which classes you are entered in and if you are included in the team event.
- Please note that while every effort will be made by the team management to raise funds / get sponsorship, to pay for the entry fees and team uniform, team members may be required to contribute towards these costs.
- Team members will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation and other expenses. It is expected that team members will meet all their own costs.

The try-outs will be run in accordance with WAO rules. Those entering the try-outs should familiarise themselves with WAO rules and procedures. These are available at www.worldagilityopen.com

ENTRY FORM

Republic of Ireland try-outs for WAO 2018

Closing Date: 28 August, 2017 (to be received).

Entry Fee: €40 per dog

Name of Handler:.....

Address:

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Mob. No:

Email:

Dog

Pet Name:

Grade: DOB Breed:

IKC/KC/other Height at which dog currently competes:

*Is WAO Measurement Required?

*WAO Height:

*complete as appropriate

Performance / relevant experience at previous International events (please attach on a separate sheet)

I agree to submit to and be bound by the Rules & Regulations of the event in their present form or as they may be amended from time to time. I also agree to abide by the Regulations of this show and not bring to the event any dog which has contracted or been knowingly exposed to any infectious or contagious disease during the 21 days prior to the event. I also accept that I enter the event at my own risk.

Signature

Date