

Belgium WAO Try-outs 2023 – WAO 2024

The try-outs will be organized by DogSport Agility Belgium (DSAB).

- At the time of team selection, handlers must be a citizen of the country they represent, or have a birth certificate from that country, have parents or grandparents born in that country or have permanent resident status.
- In order to participate at the try-outs, a dog must have attended at least 2 competitions (other than try-outs and organized by DSAB) throughout 12 months former to the individual try-outs. Such a competition is only valid when the combination has participated at all disciplines that day (agility, jumping and/or games).
- The first try-outs will be on 1 and 2 July 2023 at Just4Fun – Populierenstraat 5 – 9280 Wieze. This concerns the Try-outs of the teams. On Saturday as well as on Sunday, each combination runs a jumping and an agility course. Dogs will be scored on each course by ranking, according to the scoring table below. There will be no standard course time (time + faults + refusals = final result). The winner (of each height) after these 4 runs will be appointed to represent Belgium in the teams. In case of an ex-aequo, the total results of all 4 courses will be added. Less points wins. If there still is an ex-aequo than, there will be a run-off. People who get selected for the teams will participate at the first 4 runs at the WAO. The country manager will decide who will represent the Belgian Team in the team relay at the event in May 2024.
- The second try-outs will be on 14 and 15 October 2023 at Barelhof Sport Horses – Damvalleistraat 37 – 9070 Destelbergen. This concerns the try-outs for the individual courses. On Saturday, there will be a jumping, an agility and a snooker. On Sunday there will be a jumping, an agility course and a gambling. All parts count for the try-outs. Dogs will be scored by ranking, according to the scoring table below. In case of an ex-aequo, the results of all 6 courses will be compared and the country manager will make a decision. He can also decide to have a run-off.

1st in ranking in the overall try-outs: pentathlon, biathlon and games
2nd in ranking in the overall try-outs: pentathlon and biathlon
3rd in ranking in the overall try-outs: pentathlon & games
4th in ranking in the overall try-outs: biathlon & games
Places left will be appointed by the country manager and coach.
- Jumping and agility: Scoring will be given for the runs with up to 10 penalty points.
Games: A minimum of 20 points must be gained in order to get a scoring.
- Scoring table:

Ranking	Score
1	15
2	12
3	10
4	9
5	8
6	7
7	6
8	5
9	4
10	3
11	2
12	1

- However, in case a selected candidate doesn't want to attend the WAO after all, the country manager and coach will indicate another participant themselves.
- The combination (handler/dog) who participates at the try-outs will be the combination that can/will get selected for the WAO. Handlers can't be switched... No exceptions will be allowed.
- The entry fees of the try-outs will go to the WAO team (after having deducted the costs for the location, judges etc).
- The try-outs will be scored as per WAO rules. At the jumping and agility: clear round wins with time as tiebreaker. At the games: the highest number of points wins with time as tiebreaker.
- The cost for participating at the WAO will be calculated as follows: we take the total entry fee and divide that by the number of runs that can be run by the whole Belgian team. The cost will be calculated proportionally and the participants will be informed beforehand.
- A facebook page will be created to communicate ALL info to the participants.
- The Belgian team will be consulted whether or not they prefer an additional training on site. If so, the costs will be divided between those who participate at the training. Each participant also agrees to wear the Belgian outfit during running at the WAO.
- Once the team has been selected, the manager and coach will organize a meeting, so everyone knows exactly who will represent the Belgian team, and so they can ask any question they like, so they will be more prepared to go to the WAO.
- The selected team will be consulted to know if they prefer an extra training (here in Belgium) in order to clarify once more the rules of the games.
- Every participant accepts that lack of payment or requested info in due time will result in exclusion from participating at the WAO.
- At the event, each country is asked to help on the ring they run on. Every participant accepts that the country manager appoints certain participants as helper...
- Junior eligibility is born on or after 1th May 2005. Handlers must produce a passport or Official Government Photo documentation that states their date of birth at Check in. Failure to produce this may exclude them from the event. The junior handler must be the sole handler of the dog at this event. As all handlers (including the junior handlers) will run the same courses at the WAO, the same goes for the try-outs.

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