

Belgium WAO Try-outs 2024 – WAO 2025

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

- At the time of the try-outs, 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 in October 2024, 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).
- During the DSAB 3 day competition in August 2024 (16, 17 and 18), a spot on the WAO team 2025 can be gained in each height. These are the rules...
 - This is not applicable to juniors handlers.
 - A combination dog/handler must remain unchanged and only this winning combination can participate at the WAO 2025.
 - Dogs must participate in the open class.
 - Participate at all courses during this August competition meaning gamblers, snooker, 2 jumping and 2 agility courses.
 - Dogs will be scored on each course by ranking, according to the scoring table below.
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.
 - The best 50% of each height (after those 6 courses) will run a speedstake (the number of participants will be rounded up).
 - At the speedstake, every combination starts from scratch. The winner of this speedstake (in each height) will be offered a spot on the WAO team 2025 in the disciplines biathlon and games.
- The try-outs will be on 19 and 20 October 2024 at Barelhof Sport Horses – Damvalleistraat 37 in 9070 Destelbergen (judged by Thora Van der Stock). This concerns the try-outs for the individual courses. On Saturday, there will be a jumping, an agility and a gamblers. On Sunday there will be a jumping, an agility and a snooker. All parts count for the try-outs. Dogs will be scored by ranking, according to the scoring table below. In order to gain points, dogs must participate at all courses. 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
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. However, this participant should have attended the try-outs.
- 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 Manager and Coach will decide on site who will represent Belgium in the team relay.
- The entry fees of the try-outs will go to the WAO team (after having deducted the costs for the location, judges etc). DSAB will use these funds to pay for the entry fees of the whole Belgian team. If there are any funds left, they will be divided amongst the whole team.
- 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.
- A facebook page will be created to communicate ALL info to the participants.
- Each participant also agrees to wear the Belgian outfit during running at the WAO.
- 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 2006. 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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