

## **Rules of selection of competitors of the Czech Republic for World Agility Open 2025 (WAO)**

**Date of the competition:** 14th – 18th of May 2025 Ermelo, Netherlands

**Team Manager:** Karina Divišová

**Coach:** Pavel Košek

Only a member of Klub agility České republiky may be nominated. At the time of team selection, handlers must be a citizen of the Czech Republic, or have a birth certificate from Czech Republic, have parents or grandparents born in Czech Republic or have permanent resident status there. Both the handler and the dog may represent only one country. Both the nominated dog and the handler must meet the conditions of WAO for attending the WAO.

The rules of WAO are published on the <https://www.worldagilityopen.com/> website.

By submitting the application for WAO qualifiers, the handler agrees and declares that he is familiar with the rules WAO and that he will abide according to the WAO rules and the conditions listed in it including the declaration of responsibility listed in the appendix of WAO rules and including the obligation to be a helper at the competition to the extent determined by the WAO organizers and Team Manager. Situations not listed in the rules of WAO will be solved according to FCI agility rulebook/national rules of Klub agility České republiky, competing rules of Klub agility České republiky or other club regulations. In this case the qualifiers for WAO are considered a game according to čl. 4.1.3 of Competing Rules with rules declared by WAO.

The handler will present his working book upon registration. The results of individual runs of QZ will not be noted into the performance card.

Any dog, whether FCI pedigreed or mixed, that is healthy and sound, and over 18 months of age as of the day of the qualifiers is eligible to participate in the qualifiers and the WAO competition. The competing team must accomplish an A2 trial on with excellent result or an A3 trial at latest on the day of the qualifiers.

The qualifiers will take place on 17th - 19th of January 2025.

The capacity of the qualifiers may be restricted. The expected maximum capacity is set at 190 teams. In the case of the capacity of the qualifiers being exceeded, teams will be prioritised as follows: teams who have attended WAO 2024, FCI AWC 2024, EO 2024 and/or JOAWC 2024, teams who at the date of the qualifiers successfully completed A3 exam with the result Excellent without time faults five times, judged by at least two different judges, teams who have successfully completed at least one A3 exam without time faults, followed by other teams, who have met the criteria of the rules of selection. In the case of the capacity of the qualifiers being insufficient and/or the need to choose between teams who have met the criteria listed above on the same level, the decision is at the discretion of the team manager and the team coach. The decision will be based upon the results of the team in question in the past 12 months. In the case of the capacity of the qualifiers not being fully met, the team management may choose to allow teams, who have not met the criteria listed above, to compete, however they will not be eligible for the selection. (This being teams, who have at the latest a day before the qualifiers successfully completed an A2 exam with the result Excellent, or A3 exam with any result.)

### **Registration form for representation**

Registration for representation for individual competitions must be submitted electronically through web form, which will be published by Klub agility committee on its website and through kacr.info system as well. Payment for qualifiers must be received on Klub agility account at latest on the day of entry form closure. Without meeting both of these criterions, the team can neither compete in the qualifiers nor be nominated.

Closure of entry forms has been set on 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2025.

Through the duration of the qualifiers, each team will take part in 3 Agility runs and 3 Jumping runs. Distribution of the runs into individual day will be published after closure of the entrance exams. Runs are optional, and the team isn't obliged to entry all. In the case that a run couldn't be realised due to an act of a higher power, the number of runs may change.

### Height categories:

Name of the HEIGHT category	Height of the dog at withers	Height of the jump	Height of A-frame	Width of double jump	Length of long jump	Height at the centre of the tire
<b>250</b>	320 mm & less	250 mm	1.7 m	215-235 mm	500 mm 2 elements	400 mm
<b>300</b>	380 mm & less	300 mm	1.7 m	260-280 mm	600 mm 2 elements	450 mm
<b>400</b>	440 mm & less	400 mm	1.7 m	350-370 mm	800 mm 3 elements	550 mm
<b>500</b>	500 mm & less	500 mm	1.7 m	440-460 mm	1000 mm 4 elements	650 mm
<b>600</b>	more than 500 mm	600 mm	1.7 m	530-550 mm	1200 mm 5 elements	750 mm

### Rules of point awarding for WAO 2025:

The standard time for each category is listed below:

Category	jumping	agility
<b>300</b>	<b>4,2 m/s</b>	<b>4 m/s</b>
<b>400</b>	<b>4,2 m/s</b>	<b>4 m/s</b>
<b>500</b>	<b>4,4 m/s</b>	<b>4,2 m/s</b>
<b>600</b>	<b>4,4 m/s</b>	<b>4,2 m/s</b>

The results of individual runs will be evaluated according to the rules of Pentathlon, i.e. penalty points for course mistakes are added as penalty seconds to the time achieved.

A team may run in all runs in the qualifiers, but it isn't compulsory. Teams will gain points according to the table listed below:

Place	Number of points
<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>run without course mistakes placed 8<sup>th</sup> or lower</b>	<b>1</b>

Points are awarded only to teams that have completed the course in the standard time. Teams that have a time error (exceeding the standard time) do not get points.

### Regulations for nomination for WAO 2025:

In each height category, three teams, who will have, after the end of the qualifiers, gained the most points and who will be meeting the conditions set by this conception, will be nominated for WAO.

They will be nominated according to the key below, where “yes” stands for qualifying for the individual competitions. In the event that a junior handler is placed among the first three teams, the team that placed fourth in the overall table will also be nominated. In each category, two substitutes will be nominated who are not participating in the WAO, but can come in if one of the nominated teams withdraws before the start of the WAO. In the case of a handler with multiple dogs being nominated, a higher number of reserves may be selected in a manner, that in the case of an injury of the handler, a complete team may be nominated (minimum of 3 per competition).

In case of equality of points, the higher number of points obtained in agility competitions is decisive. Another criterion is the number of runs completed. If there is still an equality of points, the implementation team will decide on the nomination.

<b>placements</b>	<b>Pentathlon</b>	<b>Biathlon</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Teams</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	

Since there is also a competition for the title of WAO Junior World Champion at the WAO, the winner of which is determined by the sum of the results in all individual competitions, the following rule applies to the nomination: In the event that a team with a handler meeting the age requirement is placed among the first three teams for the junior category, starts in competitions according to the table. In the event that a team with a handler meeting the age requirement for the junior category did not place among the first three, but as the best of the juniors, and the team scored at least 1 point in the qualifying competitions, it receives a nomination as a junior in its size category. In the case of no junior managing to score at least 1 point in his height category, a junior may be selected by the team management based on the examination of his results.

**A junior is a handler born after 1st of May 2006 or later.**

A one team from each height category will be nominated for the team competition (Teams). The selection of any other team for the team competition is at the discretion of the team management during the competition.

In the case, that any of the nominated teams will give up his place before the sending of the registration forms for WAO, everyone will be moved automatically one place up in the results.

**Wild cards**

The granting of wild cards is regulated by WAO regulations.

Wild cards may be awarded to individual teams upon submitting a form to the WAO. Forms for the granting of a wild card are not arranged by the team manager and it is up to the individual teams only.

**Assortment into a height category:**

In the case that a dog will have a height noted in his performance card, with which the handler will not agree, and the dog has not gotten a commission measurement yet, the dog may be remeasured by the three judges attending the qualifiers upon a request of the handler, and the dog will be assorted into the correct WAO category. The result of the measuring will be noted down in the dog’s performance card. In this case it is a remeasurement according to Art. 5. 4. of the Klub agility’s Competing Regulations (commissional measurement).

All the dogs, who are to be nominated for the WAO according to their qualifiers results will, excluded dog’s who already gained commission measurement, be remeasured by the three judges attending the qualifiers. The result of the measuring will be noted down in the dog’s performance card. In this case, it is also remeasurement according to čl. 5. 4. of the Competing Regulations, with all the consequences.

If this result of measuring shows that the dog has not ran in the correct category in the WAO qualifiers, the team's results will be annulated, and the team cannot be nominated to WAO. The next team in the results will be nominated in his place. If a dog, who is to be nominated to WAO according to his results, will not submit to remeasurement, the results of the team will be annulated, and the team cannot be nominated to WAO. The next team in the results will be nominated in his place.

There is no fee for the remeasurement.

### **Financial requirements:**

By submitting the application, the handler undertakes to pay the entry fee to the WAO, possibly other fees determined by the organizer (e.g. penalty for non-participation in helping) and to pay all his travel and other expenses in case of nomination. The Agility Club may contribute an amount approved by the Agility Club Committee. In case of granting wild cards, the decision to support the representative also belongs to the Agility Club committee. According to the capabilities of the Agility Club, participants will be provided with representative clothing. In the event that the Club cannot provide the clothing, the nominated handler undertakes to cover the cost of the representative jersey in the maximum amount of CZK 1,000. The competition will be attended by two members of the implementation team. Each one of them is eligible for being reimbursed for the costs of travel and accommodation at the location of the competition (renting of campervan, gasoline, fees for camping including electricity), representative clothing according to the same conditions, as the competitors and a reward of the same amount, as a daily fee of a judge of qualifiers according to the directive no. 1/2023 Rewarding of agility judges (1800 Kč/day), per day of the competition itself and per day of travel.

### **Generally:**

The draft of the nomination for WAO 2025 will be submitted to Klub agility České republiky committee for approval. In the case, that the rules of this conception will be met, the committee will approve this nomination.

The following teams have earned an automatic nomination based on the 2024 results. Those nominations will be in addition to the places awarded at selection.

GAMES 600 Veronika Javorová a Dobby  
BIATHLON 400 Pavlína Seyfriedová a Furi  
BIATHLON 600 Veronika Javorová a Dobby  
PENTATHLON 400 Aneta Obrusníková a Ollie  
PENTATHLON 400 Pavlína Seyfriedová a Furi  
PENTATHLON 400 Aneta Obrusníková a Arrya  
PENTATHLON 600 Veronika Javorová a Dobby  
JUNIORS 500 Natálie Mlejnková a Anny

Veronika Javorová has according to the rules of WAO earned an automatic nomination to all competitions for her placement in the category JUNIORS.

**The selected representatives are obliged to act according to the codex of a representative, the rules of WAO and all effective norms connected to agility and protection of animals. Their violation may lead to expulsion from the selection of representatives.**