



TRY OUT

World Agility Open Championship 2025

The tryout for the World Agility Open Championship (WAO) 2025 will be held on February 1, 2025, at the DKK Hundeaktivitetscenter, Ejlstrupvej 121, 4100 Ringsted.

To be considered for the national team, **the team must be present at the tryout.**

Four teams in each jump height and one junior team (250, 300, 400, 500, 600 – see the table below) will have the opportunity to qualify to represent Denmark at the World Agility Open Championship 2025.

WAO will be held in Ermelo, Netherlands, from May 14 - 18, 2025.

The national team will stay at Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant Mooi Veluwe in Putten (<https://www.fletcherhotelmooiveluwe.nl/nl/>). As a participant on the national team, you must check in at the hotel by 6:30 PM on May 12, 2025.

The national team eats together at the hotel every evening, and participation in these meals is mandatory – the hotel also offers vegetarian dishes.

Hotel Prices:

- Double room: €97.00
- Dog in the room: €15.00 per night
- Dinner: €24.50 – the team eats together every evening at the hotel.

The above prices are from 2024, and minor price adjustments may occur.

Qualification and Selection:

There are 2 places in each jump height, which are so-called “win on spots.”

This means you qualify directly at the tryout by winning either AG/SP or snooker. The overall winner of 2 AG and 1 SP wins a spot, and the winner of snooker wins a spot.

The winner of Snooker earns the right to participate in the competition “Games” and at least one other discipline.

The winner of 2 AG and 1 SP earns the right to participate in at least two competitions, “Biathlon and Pentathlon.”

If the above is won by the same person, the Snooker spot will go to the 2nd place in Snooker.

The remaining spots and disciplines will be chosen by the team management, and the final team will be announced on February 8 at 12:00 PM.

General performance, team spirit, fair play, and tryout performance will be considered.



The Danish team management's mission is to select a team of handlers and dogs that are competitive against the rest of the world in all disciplines at the World Agility Open Championships.

Participants should plan to stay 60-90 minutes after the last run at the tryout due to tallying and selection of the 2 win on spots in each height.

For Agility and Jumping:

Course faults are converted to time; for example, 5 faults will result in 5 seconds added to the dog's time.

Example: A dog that has a clear round in 28 seconds in Jumping, and has 5 faults with a time of 32 seconds in Agility 1, will have a total score of 65 (28 seconds + 32 seconds + 5 faults = 65) at that point in the competition, thus beating a dog that is clear in both runs but with a time of 32 seconds and 34 seconds, giving them a total score of 66 (32 seconds + 34 seconds = 66). Time faults are treated the same as course faults.

A disqualification results in 50 faults, and dogs that are disqualified will be given a course time of 50 seconds, regardless of standard course time. The maximum course faults a dog can accumulate is 50, whether by disqualification or other combined course faults.

Qualification Points from Runs by Placement:

- 1st place – 20 points
- 2nd place – 18 points
- 3rd place – 16 points
- 4th place – 14 points
- 5th place – 12 points
- 6th place – 10 points
- 7th place – 8 points
- 8th place – 6 points
- 9th place – 4 points
- 10th place – 2 points
- All after 10th place receive 0 points

For Snooker:

The goal of snooker is to score as many points as possible within the course time set by the judge. Scoring is similar to the billiards game Snooker, but the judge can place the obstacles in any position in the ring. The judge will design a course consisting of 4 red jumps and an obstacle/sequence representing each Snooker color. These are scored as shown in the table below:



COLOUR	POINTS
Red jumps	1 point each
Yellow	2 points
Green	3 points
Brown	4 points
Blue	5 points
Pink	6 points
Black	7 points

Snooker consists of two parts. The first part, the opening sequence, allows the team to collect as many points as possible by completing three of the four red jumps followed by any colored obstacle. A color must be attempted after the last red jump before the closing sequence can begin. The maximum number of points in the opening sequence is 24: 1+7+1+7+1+7. The second part, the closing sequence, requires the team to complete the colored obstacles (#2 to #7) in sequence before the course time expires for a maximum of 27 points.

A Snooker course should be run as follows:

- Start jump
- Red jump, any colored obstacle/sequence
- Red jump (different from the first red), any colored obstacle/sequence
- Red jump (different from the first and second red), any colored obstacle/sequence
- Yellow #2, green #3, brown #4, blue #5, pink #6, black #7
- Finish jump

See detailed snooker rules at <https://www.worldagilityopen.com/rules-regs/>. You can also check (1) World Agility Open - Team Denmark | Facebook where an explanation is available under files.

Four teams and the best junior team will be selected to participate in the World Agility Open Championship in one or more of the following competitions:

- Pentathlon (5 events, SP/AG – SP/AG – Speedstakes)
- Biathlon (2 events, SP – AG)
- Games (Snooker – Gambler)
- Team competition (Consisting of 2 AG – 2 SP + possibly a final Team Relay) Reserves will be selected by the team management.



Junior Handlers:

1. Biathlon, pentathlon, and games

Rules Especially for Junior Handlers:

- All handlers must be born on May 1, 2006, or later. Junior handlers must present a passport or official photo documentation showing their birthdate at check-in.
- Failure to present this will exclude the junior handler from participating in WAO.
- The junior handler must be the only handler of the dog.
- Juniors can participate in the team competition.

Requirements for All Participants, Dog and Handler:

- At the tryout, be a Danish citizen or have a birth certificate from Denmark, have parents or grandparents born in Denmark, or have permanent residency.
- Be capable of arranging travel and paying for costs (the entire trip, entry fees, etc., as outlined below).
- Meet the vet requirements for WAO.
- Meet the WAO requirement for the respective height the dog is measured for.
- The dog must run a minimum of 4.2 meters per second at the tryout.
- Be familiar with the WAO rulebook (<http://www.worldagilityopen.com/rules.html>), tryout guidelines, and follow directions from the WAO committee and team management.
- Participate in joint team training.
- Assist at a minimum of 1 event organized by the team management. These events help finance the team management's travel and stay during WAO.
- Currently, there are events arranged on November 2-3, 2024, in Ringsted and March 8, 2025, on Funen.

Funding: The trip is self-funded – team members are responsible for paying their share of expenses, including (but not limited to) travel costs, vet fees, hotel costs, entry fees, and team uniform (T-shirt/sweater).

Expenses: Income from tryouts and 1-2 other events will cover the transport and accommodation costs for the Danish team management.



How to Enter Tryouts:

Follow “World Agility Open – Team Denmark” on Facebook (2) World Agility Open - Team Denmark | Facebook. A link for the tryout sign-up will be posted in good time, explaining how to register. The following information about you and your dog is required:

- Your name, email address, and phone number
- Name, breed, birth date, gender, microchip number, and jump height of the dog you wish to enter (if your dog has not been measured previously, we will do so at the tryouts)
- Each handler can enter more than one dog – however, you cannot be selected with more than two dogs. If a handler is selected with three dogs, the team management will choose which two dogs can participate.
- An entry fee of DKK 300 per dog must be paid in advance.
- When registering, send a short description of why you would like to participate on the WAO national team. It should be a maximum of 5 lines – along with the description, send a short video (max 1 min.) of an agility run you are particularly proud of – it can be from training or competition, it is entirely up to you. The description may later be used for social media posts, with your approval, of course.

Rules of conduct

- We, as team management, are proud to represent Denmark and expect the same from participants at the tryout, regardless of whether they qualify for a spot on the team or not.
- As a participant in the tryout and as a potential team member of the national team, you are expected to act as a role model, and this should be always reflected in your behavior.
- All team members will support any fundraising/sponsorship events for the Danish team.
- All team members will participate in all team activities with integrity, honesty, and good sportsmanship.
- All team members will prioritize their dog’s needs over their personal ambitions.
- Contact with the Managers’ table, Master of rings, WAO committee, etc., is reserved for the team management.
- Failure to make payments or late ordering of clothing will result in exclusion from the national team.



- All team members will support, encourage, and respect their teammates and management before and during the WAO competition.
- Only national team clothing is accepted at the competition venue, regardless of whether you are competing that day – this means “private clothing” and other clothing with personal sponsors are not accepted.
- The Danish team participates in all award ceremonies possible, and the national team participates in both the opening and closing ceremonies.
- All team members have read and understood the rules for the World Agility Open.
- In case of breaches of ethical rules, rules of conduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, or other undesirable conduct for the sport of agility, the team management will assess whether DKK and DCH should be notified.
- Any rule breaking, including bad behavior towards dogs, other competitors, management, or organizing committee/helpers, either in person or on social media, will result in disqualification from the tryout and the team, as well as future tryouts for WAO.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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JUMP HEIGHT & A-FRAME HEIGHT TABLE

1. Jump height NAME	2. Dog Height at withers	3. Jump Height	4. A-Frame Height	5. Ascending Spread LENGTH *	6. Long Jump Length	7. Tyre height at center
250	320mm & under	250mm	• 1.7m	215-235mm	500mm 2 boards	• 400mm
300	380mm & under	300mm	• 1.7m	260-280mm	600mm 2 boards	450mm
400	440mm & under	400mm	• 1.7m	350-370mm	800mm 3 boards	550mm
500	500mm & under	500mm	• 1.7m	440-460mm	1000mm 4 boards	650mm
600	Over 500mm	600mm	• 1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm