

Selection guidelines, WAO TEAM ESTONIA 2025

To: Estonian Handlers

This is a notification directed to any Estonian Dog Agility Handlers interested in participating in the World Agility Open Championships 2025 in Ermelo, Netherlands on the $14^{th} - 18^{th}$ May.

To apply to the 2025 team, you must be a citizen of Estonia, or have a birth certificate from that country, have parents or grandparents born in that country or have permanent resident status.

All expenses for the WAO, including travel expenses, hotels, entry fees etc. will be paid by the handler. Competitors may be required to attend seminars and/or training days at an additional cost. Handlers under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

We will welcome anyone who wants to participate. If you wish to participate, please send the following details to meiri.soon@gmail.com:

- 1. Handler's full name.
- 2. Handler's address.
- 3. Handler's phone number.
- 4. Handler's e-mail address.
- 5. Dog's name and registered name if applicable.
- 6. Dog's breed.
- 7. Dog's gender.
- 8. Dog's age.
- 9. Dog's height.
- 10. Classes the pair wishes to participate in (biathlon, pentathlon, games, team pentathlon)
- 11. 10 best competition results between 01.03.2024-31.12.2024.

All registrations requests must be received by 28.02.2025 at midnight (Estonian time). A country's team selection process must be, according to the WAO rules & regulations, allow for at least 1 (one) dog from each height to win its way onto the team and to run in the Agility Biathlon or/and the Individual Agility Pentathlon.

Points from Competitions

Spots are awarded to teams with the most points.

In case of point ties, the participant with the most faultless runs (among the ten counting runs) takes precedence. If equality persists, the participant with the most 1st places takes

precedence, followed by the one with the most 2nd places, and so on. If there is still equality, it is up to the Team Manager to make a decision.

Point System

- The application can include up to 10 individual results from competitions in 2024 between 01.03.-31.12.2024
- A maximum of five results from agility classes and a maximum of five results from jumping classes will count.
- Up to two results from each class (two from jumping and two from agility) can be from competitions abroad.
- Results abroad must be from countries with a corresponding level class system as in Estonia (Class 1-2-3).

Points per Run Calculation

Result Points

10 points for a faultless run, 5 points for a run with five fault points, 1 point for a run with ten fault points. No result points for runs with more than ten fault points. Time faults are not considered, only course faults and refusals.

Time Points

10 points for the fastest time on the result list. One point is deducted for each second your time is behind the fastest time. All times in the class are considered - not just times from faultless runs.

The points will be rounded up to whole points (or the time will be rounded down to whole seconds), meaning that 1,7 seconds behind the fastest time will award you 9 whole points.

• Placement Points

10 points for top 1-2% placement in the class

9 points for top 3-4% placement in the class

8 points for top 5-6% placement in the class

7 points for top 7-8% placement in the class

6 points for top 9-10% placement in the class

5 points for top 11-12% placement in the class

4 points for top 13-14% placement in the class

3 points for top 15-16% placement in the class

2 points for top 17-18% placement in the class

1 points for top 19-20% placement in the class

Percentages are rounded down to the nearest whole percent

Number Points

Points are awarded based on the number of participants in each run.

6 points for 20 or more participants

4 points for 15-19 participants

2 points for 10-14 participants

0 points with less than 10 participants