



SELECTION WORLD AGILITY OPEN 2024

CAHIER DES CHARGES

INFORMATIONS SUR LE WORLD AGILITY OPEN :

The World Agility Open 2024 will take place in ERMELO (NETHERLANDS), at the KNHS National Equestrian Center from May 14th to May 18th, 2025.

Official training sessions will be held on May 13th, 2025, and the opening ceremony will take place on May 14th, 2025.

The WAO is an international event created and organized by agility competitors. It offers several competitions:

- BIATHLON (jumping + agility)
- PENTATHLON (2 jumpings + 2 agility + final speed event)
- TEAM PENTATHLON (2 jumpings + 2 agility + relay)
- GAMES (Snooker + Gamblers)
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The categories and jump heights differ from the French and FCI regulations. Below you will find an explanatory table:

CATÉGORIE	TAILLE DES CHIENS	HAUTEUR DE SAUT	TAILLE DE LA PALISSADE	OXER	SAUT EN LONGUEUR	PNEU
250	320 mm & moins	250 mm	1.7 m	215-235 mm	500 mm 2 planches	400 mm
300	380 mm & moins	300 mm	1.7m	260-280 mm	600 mm 2 planches	450 mm
400	440 mm & moins	400 mm	1.7m	350-370 mm	800 mm 3 planches	550 mm
500	500 mm & moins	500 mm	1.7m	440-460 mm	1000 mm 4 planches	650 mm
600	Plus de 500 mm	600 mm	1.7m	530-550 mm	1200 mm 5 planches	750 mm



SELECTION COMMITTEE

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PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- The selection committee takes pride in not giving any preferential treatment to anyone and will continue to adhere to this directive of objectivity.
- Only candidates who are willing to respect the rules stated from the beginning, commit to the entire adventure, and demonstrate a good sportsmanship attitude are welcome.
- The selection committee reserves the right to exclude from the selection or team anyone who does not show kindness towards their animal, as well as in the case of disrespectful behavior towards the people and locations hosting the selection and preparation, or towards the selection committee.
- The selection committee reserves the right to exclude from the selection or team any dog that presents physical or mental impediments to the practice of agility.
- Note that candidates commit to being present at all stages (selection, 1 weekend of preparation, and the 6-day WAO event) and are aware of the financial investment it represents (travel to the Netherlands, accommodation, outfits, etc.).
- Dogs must be over 18 months old.
- Open to all dogs, with or without pedigree.
- Candidates will participate in training and competition at the official WAO jump height corresponding to the size of their dog.
- Candidates are responsible for measuring their dog's height. In case of an error, they may be denied participation by the WAO, and there will be no reimbursement of fees (registration, outfits, etc.).
- WAO registration fees: €150 for seniors, €100 for juniors.
- Several dogs can compete with a single competitor and may be selectable.



- If multiple dogs are presented and qualified, only one of the dogs will be selected. This will be discussed with the candidate, who will have to choose the selected dog.
- The previous year's medalists in the Biathlon, Pentathlon, or Games events are automatically selected by the WAO to compete in the event where they won a medal. If they want to compete in other events, they must participate in the selection and qualify for those events.
- In the event that the previous year's medalists in the Biathlon, Pentathlon, or Games events earn a Winspot in the 2024 selection, the second-place finisher in that Winspot will be selected to compete exclusively in that event in Ermelo.
- The selection limits the number of participants to 100 teams across all categories, including juniors (80 teams in Grade 3 and 20 teams in Grade 1 or 2 - the quota will be adjusted based on the number of Grade 3 or 1/2 entries). In order to meet the selection requirements (7 courses in 1 weekend), starting from January 2023, candidates in Grade 3 must achieve 3 Excellent results in Agility Grade 3 courses, while candidates in Grade 1 or 2 must achieve 3 Excellent results in Agility Grade 2/Agility 2* courses. This will be used to calculate an average rate of progression per candidate. Therefore, candidates will be selected based on the highest rate of progression.
- Candidates for the selection commit to helping with the smooth running of the selection event. Failure to comply with this may result in the team's exclusion from the selection and/or the team.
- Only juniors over the age of 12 and born on or after 1st May, 2006 (so before turning 18 at the time of the competition) can participate in the 2025 selection. A junior cannot compete in the senior category at the same time.
- The dog competing with the junior candidate must not participate in the senior selection simultaneously.
- Juniors must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all stages of the WAO.
- We are fortunate to have a therapist alongside us to support the dogs and their handlers. Her services will only be available to members of Team France. Any disrespect or abuse may result in disciplinary action.
- Regardless of the number of staff members, only 4 people will travel to the Netherlands to provide full-time coaching.



MODALITES DE SELECTION

The selection for Team France will take place during the weekend of September 21th and 22th, 2024, judged by Mr. GIANFRANCO RICCI, at Lichtenberg (67).

Registration cost for the selection weekend: 50 € per team (handler/dog).

Provisional schedule:

	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Jumping Pentathlon 250-300-400-500-600	Speedtakes x % du cumul jump & agi penta 250-300-400-500-600
	Agility Pentathlon 250-300-400-500-600	Agility Biathlon 100 % du jump Bia 250-300-400-500-600
Afternoon	Snooker 600-500-400-300-250	Gamblers x % du Snooker 600-500-400-300-250
	Jumping Biathlon 600-500-400-300-250	Remise des prix

After the different selection rounds on Saturday, 60 teams (handler/dog, across all categories) will be eligible for Speedstakes, 60 teams for biathlon and 60 teams will be eligible for Gamblers.

The distribution of jump heights (250, 300, 400, 500, 600) will be proportional to the number of participants in each category. We will communicate this distribution a few days after the registration deadline.

Example :



	Nombre d'équipe inscrite au sélectif	Nombre d'équipe qualifiée pour les finales
250	10	6
300	18	11
400	20	12
500	14	8
600	38	23
Total	100	60

On the day of the selection, the teams that win the Winspots will have to pay their entry fee of €150, and the check will be cashed in March 2025.

➤ Sélection 1 : WinSpot Pentathlon

The selection for the pentathlon consists of three events: an agility course, a jumping course, and a speedstakes event. The course times and penalties are accumulated, and faults (including time faults) are added to the time. The team with the smallest overall result will be ranked first.

An elimination in any of the events will penalize the team with 50 penalty points and a time of 50 seconds, totaling 100 seconds.

The Total Points Score (TPS) will be calculated as follows: the time of the best dog with a maximum of 5 penalty points, plus 10%, for each of the rounds, while combining jump heights 250/300, 400, and 500/600.

Based on the cumulative results of the first two rounds (Agility + Jumping), 60 teams (handler/dog, across all categories) will qualify for the Speedstakes event.

At the end of the three rounds, in each jump height category, the ranking will be determined by the total of the three results.



If there is a tie, the result in the speedstakes event will be used to break the tie. If the tie persists, we will consider the best result in the agility event, followed by the jumping event. If the tie still persists, the decision will be made by the Selection Committee.

The pentathlon winner will be able to choose whether they wish to compete in the individual or team pentathlon.

Selection 2: Winspot Biathlon

The selection for the biathlon consists of 1 agility event and 1 jumping event. The results of these two events are accumulated, and the team with the fewest faults and the shortest time is selected.

An elimination in either of the events will penalize the team with 50 penalty points and a time of 50 seconds.

The Total Points Score (TPS) will be calculated as follows: the time of the best dog with a maximum of 5 penalty points, plus 10%, for each of the rounds, while combining jump heights 250/300, 400, and 500/600.

After the first round of the Biathlon, 60 teams (handler/dog, across all categories) will be eligible for the Winspot Biathlon.

The teams eliminated in the first round will not be eligible for the Winspot Biathlon.

In each jump height category, the ranking will be determined by the cumulative score of the Agility Biathlon and the Jumping Biathlon. The team that finishes in first place will automatically secure a spot for the Biathlon event.

If there is a tie, the result in the agility event will be used to break the tie. If the tie persists, the best result in the jumping event will be considered. If the tie still persists, the decision will be made by the Selection Committee.



➤ **Selection 3: Games**

The selection consists of 2 events: one called Snooker and one called Gamblers. In each jump height category, the ranking will be determined by the cumulative time and score of the two events.

After the first round (Snooker), 60 teams will participate in Gamblers.

The teams will be ranked based on the number of points (cumulative points from Snooker and Gamblers) and will be separated by cumulative time if necessary. In case of a tie, the result in Gamblers (number of points and then time if necessary) will be used to break the tie.

The team that finishes in first place will be selected for the Games event (in each jump height category).

➤ **Selection 4: Team Pentathlon**

The pentathlon team will be offered to the winner of the pentathlon winspot. If the latter chooses the individual pentathlon, the team place will be given to the 2nd in the pentathlon winspot and vice versa.

The team choosing the pentathlon team event will be allocated at least 2 rounds, the other rounds will be played by one of the team pairs chosen by the coaches.

➤ **Junior Selection**

The junior candidate participates in all the selection events as described above. A specific ranking will be established among juniors in the same jump height category. At the end of all the selection rounds (3 Pentathlon courses, 2 Biathlon courses, and 2 Games courses), a ranking will be determined, automatically designating the selected junior in each jump height category.

The Junior team will be composed of 5 juniors: 1 in 250, 1 in 300, 1 in 400, 1 in 500, and 1 in 600.

Failure to participate in any of the selection rounds will automatically result in non-selection for the team.



➤ **Special Cases**

If the team that finishes first in the cumulative Biathlon, Games, and Team Pentathlon has already won one of the preceding Winspots, the next team in the respective cumulative ranking will be chosen.

Example:

Jean and Fido finish 1st in 600 in the Pentathlon cumulative score, so they win the Pentathlon Winspot.

Jean and Fido also finish 1st in 600 in the Biathlon cumulative score, while Marie and Jack finish 2nd behind Jean in the Biathlon cumulative score. Since Jean is already selected for the Pentathlon, Marie and Jack win the Biathlon Winspot.

The order of selections is as follows:

Pentathlon / Team Pentathlon

Biathlon

Games

➤ **Schéma récapitulatif sélection 2024**

	Saturday	Sunday (Finals)
Morning	Jumping Pentathlon 250-300-400-500-600	Speedtakes x % du cumul jump & agi penta 250-300-400-500-600
	Agility Pentathlon 250-300-400-500-600	Agility Biathlon 100 % du jump Bia 250-300-400-500-600
Afternoon	Snooker 600-500-400-300-250	Gamblers x % du Snooker 600-500-400-300-250
	Jumping Biathlon 600-500-400-300-250	Award Ceremony



1 Winspot Pentathlon / jump height: cumulative score of blue events

1 Winspot Biathlon / jump height: cumulative score of green events

1 Winspot Games / jump height: cumulative score of pink events

1 Winspot Team / jump height: cumulative score of blue

1 Winspot Junior / jump height: cumulative score of blue, green, and pink events

The distribution of events will be as follows based on the won Winspot:

Winspot Pentathlon + Biathlon + Games

Winspot Biathlon + Pentathlon

Winspot Games + Pentathlon

Winspot Team + Biathlon + Games

Winspot Junior Pentathlon + Biathlon + Games

The WAO Team France 2024 will be composed of 20 master/dog teams in addition to one junior per jump height. A total of 25 teams will be selected according to the regulations explained above.

5 substitute teams will be chosen by the Selection Committee (1 per jump height) and must be present throughout the entire preparation weekend.

A t-shirt will be provided to each team member, while jackets will be at your own expense.

➤ **Special Case for JUNIORS:**

At the WAO, juniors are ranked on an equal footing with adults. What is taken into consideration is the team's placement. The first place team earns 1 point, the second place team earns 2 points, and so on. For example:

Antoine finishes 10th out of 60 dogs, Sophie finishes 25th out of 60 dogs, and Céline is eliminated, along with 19 other people. From 40th place to 60th place, there is no ranking.



REGISTRATION

You can submit your application from July 15 to July 31, 2024, midnight. The application must be complete. After this deadline, and in the case of an incomplete application, no registration will be considered via the Google Form.

Please include your three excellent results (maximum 5 points) on Agility Grade 3-type courses for Grade 3 candidates, and Agility Grade 2 / Agility 2* for Grade 1/2 candidates (Since January 2023).

The final selection and detailed results will be communicated no later than early October 2024, after verification and validation by the selection committee.

The selected teams must commit to being present for the entire preparation weekend:

Weekend of March 8 and 9, 2025, at Club Canin de Lorette, 57 rue du Pilat - 42420 LORETTE.

All team members must be present during this preparation weekend. Injured dogs and/or handlers must also attend these preparation weekends.

The absence of a handler-dog pair will result in the loss of their selection.

The list of selected participants for the selection will be posted on the "WAO TEAM FRANCE" Facebook page on 02/08/2024.

Payment must be made before 10/08/2023. If payment is not made on time, the application will be automatically canceled, and the individuals on the waiting list will be contacted.

The final list (with updated payments) of participants in the selection will be posted on the "WAO TEAM FRANCE" Facebook page on 28/08/2024.

The complete competition regulations are available on the World Agility Open website.

<http://www.worldagilityopen.com/WAORulesRegulations.pdf>

For any questions, you can us as waoteamfrance@gmail.com