

## NATIONAL TEAM COMPOSITION CRITERIA FOR WAO 2025

The national team for WAO 2025 will be composed during the National Finals which will take place in Cattolica (RN) from 5 to 8 December 2024. The event was conceived considering the need to achieve two distinct purposes and with different needs in a single event.

The first aim to be achieved is to assign the national titles envisaged by the CSEN agility regulation and by the agreement with FIDASC:

- CSEN Italian Agility Champion – SENIOR Pentathlon Winner
- Italian Promise of Agility CSEN – JUNIOR Pentathlon Winner
- Italian Champion of Games CSEN – Winner Games SENIOR
- Italian Promise of Games CSEN – Winner Games JUNIOR
- Under14 Italian Agility Champion – Under14 Biathlon Junior Winner
- Under18 Italian Agility Champion – Under18 Biathlon Junior Winner
- ABSOLUTE Italian Champion of Agility FIDASC-CONI – Winner of the FIDASC Competition

The achievement of these titles will depend exclusively on the performance of each athlete during the final, the first in each category of height (250, 300, 400, 500 and 600) and grade (Junior and Senior) will be awarded the relative title. For more information, refer to the CSEN Agility Regulations published on the official website of the canine sector.

The other purpose is to form the national team that will represent Italy at the 2025 WAO World Championship.

The event will see all the individual specialties that the conductors will then have to face at WAO 2025, namely: Biathlon, Pentathlon and Agility Games.

The components of the national team for the WAO World Championship will be chosen both from the Senior Finals of the CSEN Agility Championship and Agility Games, and from the FIDASC-CONI ABSOLUTE Italian Championship trials.

Since the FIDASC-CONI Absolute Championship is an OPEN competition (Junior and Senior together), the possibility also opens up for Junior pairs to win a place in the national team.

### **National team composition for WAO 2025:**

The team that will represent Italy at the WAO 2025 in the Netherlands will be made up of these competitors for each height category and identified in the following order:

- The first classified in the CSEN Agility Games classification for each height category
- The first classified in the Absolute Italian Championship FIDASC-CONI (biathlon) of each height category (if already winner of the Games, the runner-up will be chosen)
- The first classified in the Pentathlon Senior CSEN classification of each height category (if already selected for the Biathlon or for the Games, the first not selected will be chosen).
- One of the 5 national Champions Under25 CSEN, chosen by the Team Manager
- The first in the Juniores qualifying standings – details in the dedicated chapter.
- Other pairs chosen at the discretion of the selector, may be both junior and senior, regardless of the result achieved in the finals. At least 5 of them will be chosen from the ELITE FIDASC.

Winners of Biathlon and Pentathlon competition will compete at WAO at least in the competition they have won during the Finals.

### **Selection of Juniors for the national team for the WAO 2025:**

The UNDER18s will get a score based on their position in the CSEN Italian Championship standings. The first classified in the four categories 300/400/500/600 and the best 250 classified in the 300 enter the national team

The UNDER 18 can be part of the national team with only one dog; therefore, there will be 5 conductors in all (one for each height).

In case a handler conquers the place with several dogs, only one will be chosen at the discretion of the selector.

As required by the WAO regulation, athletes born on or after May 1st 2006 can compete in the WAO Junior Championship (UNDER18).

The team, once formed, will be called to participate in a compulsory internship for all participants. Those who do not participate may be replaced.