



SELECTION WORLD AGILITY OPEN (WAO) 2026

Slovakia

INFORMATIONS WORLD AGILITY OPEN :

- The World Agility Open 2026 will take place in ERMELO (NETHERLANDS), at the KNHS National Equestrian Center from May 13th to May 17th, 2026.
- 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)

The categories and jump heights are different from the Slovakia and FCI regulations. Below you will find an explanatory table:

Jump Height Name	Dog Height at Withers	Jump Height	A-Frame Height	Ascending Spread Length	Long Jump Length	Tyre Height at Centre
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	500mm & over	600mm	1.7m	530-550mm	1200mm 5 boards	750mm

Dogs may jump in a higher height division than their measured height.

In the case that a dog will have a height noted in his performance card, with which the handler will not agree, the dog may be remeasured by the judge attending the qualifiers upon a request of the handler, and the dog will be assorted into the correct WAO category.

Team Manager and assistant manager of the representation:

Lucia Dobriková

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- 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 on the qualification day as on the WAO
- Note that candidates commit to being present at all stages (selection, at least one participation in the training of the national team, and the 6-day WAO event) and are aware of the financial investment it represents (travel to the Netherlands, WAO starting fee, 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.
- At the time of team selection, handlers must be a citizen of the country they represent, or have a birth certificate from that country, have parents or grandparents born in that country or have permanent resident status
- WAO registration fees was €170 for seniors, €100 for juniors last year, we assume a similar amount
- 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 10 and born on or after 1st May, 2007 (so before turning 18 at the time of the competition) can participate in the 2026 selection. 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.
- Juniors must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all stages of the WAO
- 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)
- At the time of the WAO, the dog must meet the veterinary conditions for entering the country (Netherlands) and the veterinary conditions set by the organizer
- The manager and assistant have the opportunity to divide the dogs into teams according to their best intentions

REGISTRATION FORM TO REPRESENTATION

Registration for representation for individual competitions must be submitted electronically through agilityportal.sk

A separate application form must be filled out for each dog. By sending this application, you commit to participating in the **qualifying races at the RSDC on January 31st, 2026** as well as paying **the entry fee** to the account number that will be sent to you by email (more info below). Without meeting both of these criterions, the team can neither compete in the qualifiers not be nominated for WAO 2026.

We will regularly send confirmation of receipt of the application by e-mail.

Closure of entry forms has been set on **10th of January 2026**. After this date the application form will not be accepted.

OUR SELECTION

The qualification is open to all Slovak teams with a working book issued by ASKA and with a dog identification chip. This qualification will be run according to the WAO conception:

NÁZEV VELIKOSTNÍ KATEGORIE	VÝŠKA PSA V KOHOUTKU	VÝŠKA SKOKU	VÝŠKA ÁČKA	ŠÍŘKA DVOJITÉHO SKOKU *	DÉLKA SKOKU DALÉKÉHO	VÝŠKA STŘEDU KRUHU
250	320 mm & méně	250 mm	1.7 m	215-235 mm	500 mm 2 elementy	400 mm
300	380 mm & méně	300 mm	1.7 m	260-280 mm	600 mm 2 elementy	450 mm
400	440 mm & méně	400 mm	1.7 m	350-370 mm	800 mm 3 elementy	550 mm
500	500 mm & méně	500 mm	1.7 m	440-460 mm	1000 mm 4 elementy	650 mm
600	více než 500 mm	600 mm	1.7 m	530-550 mm	1200 mm 5 elementy	750 mm

Qualification system:

Every competitor who is interested in participating in the qualification for WAO 2026 must apply for the qualification via agilityportal.sk

► By completing this application, you commit to participating in the qualifying race at the RSDC on 31.1.2026, as well as for the payment of the start fee in the amount of €30 by 15.1.2026

The participation fee is non-refundable and will be used to cover the costs of the qualifying races (judge room, accommodation, food and transport for the referees, hall, processing of results, etc., what remains will be used for the representation)

The selection of the national team is based on the results of the qualifying races:

31.1.2026 Kvalifikačné preteky na WAO 2025 (Pezinok) – Judge: Anita Szilagyi (HU)

The qualifying races will be organized in the RSDC (Pezinok), on the artificial JUTA Grass on the Galican obstacles. The system is based on scoring points in 3runs: Open Jumping, Open Agility and Bonus Speedstakes run.

These runs are tallied and a ranking is compiled based on the number of points scored. Based on their position, the team will receive points according to the given table. When awarding points, the placement of teams that are not registered for the qualification is not taken into account. Qualification will be assessed separately for each size category. In the event of a point match, the team with a higher score in the Open Agility run has priority. Another criterion is the number of overruns. If this number is the same, the manager and asistent of the national team will decide.

The standard time for the qualifiers is determined by the fastest time of the given run from all starting teams (even outside the qualifiers) from all size categories (even with penalty points), multiplied by the coefficient: 1.30

Points will be awarded only to those teams that finish the given run with a mark of max. very good, without penalty points for exceeding the standart time or with clean run with maximum 2,00 penalty points for exceeding the standard time.

Poradie	Počet Bodov
1	25
2	20
3	17
4	14
5	12
6	10
7	9
8	8
9	7
10	6
11	5
12	4
13	3
14	2
15-x	1

*x- are all other places that fit the conditions. Points are awarded only to teams that completed the course in the standard time to the very good mark. (or with clean run with max 2,00 penalty points for time)

In each size category, the four best teams that have obtained the highest number of points after the end of the qualifying races and that meet the conditions of the selection concept will be nominated for the WAO, according to the key shown in the table below, where "yes" means entry into the given competition.

In the case that a junior handler is placed among the first four teams, the team that placed fifth in the overall table will also be nominated. In each category, two reserves 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.

Due to the fact that there is also a competition for the WAO Junior World Champion title at the WAO, the winner of which will be determined by the sum of the results in all individual competitions, the following rule will be applied for the nomination: the 1st junior from the sum of all four runs in each size class will be qualified .

PORADIE	PENTATHLON	GAMES	BIATHLON	TEAMS
1.	ÁNO	ÁNO	ÁNO	ÁNO (1 beh)
2.	ÁNO	ÁNO	ÁNO	ÁNO (1 beh)
3.	ÁNO	ÁNO		ÁNO (1 beh)
4.			ÁNO	ÁNO (1 beh)
1. JUNIOR	ÁNO	ÁNO	ÁNO	

Teams: The division into teams will be determined by the manager of the national team together with the assistant, at their own discretion.

Reserve team members: Reserves will be determined based on points earned.

In case that the qualified team decides to reject the nomination for WAO2025, it must make it known one week after qualis. If such a situation occurs, the place will be shifted to the next one in the order of results.

Should a situation arise where the places at the WAO are not fully filled (either as a result of the result of the qualifying race or due to the capacity of some height category not being filled), the manager of the national team with an assistant has the option of choosing the teams at the WAO at their own.

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.

Judges 2026



2026 Judges



Ashley
Deacon



Daniel
Walz



Tamás
Tráj

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 and manager assistant. Situations not listed in the rules of WAO will be solved according to FCI agility rulebook/national rules of ASKA, competing rules of ASKA or other club regulations.

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