

# WAO Rules & Regulations 2025

## Summary of Amendments and Clarifications

The WAO Rules & Regulations for 2025 have been released and are available on the WAO website. There is a copy with changes in red as well as the usual copy with black type.

The main rule changes for 2025 are stated below.

### **1.4 Country Team Selection Process**

Clarification that team selection documents must be submitted a minimum of 3 months prior to any selection event taking place.

### **1.7.3 Junior Handler Eligibility**

For the 2024 event, all Junior handlers must have been born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2006.

### **1.7.5 Entry changes and substitutions for injuries**

Clarification of changes that may be made after the closing date for Class Entry forms.

### **3.6.1 General Snooker Rules**

Clarification of weaves performance requirement in this class.

### **3.7 Bonus Class**

Amended running order rules for this class.

### **4.6 General Running Order Rules**

Handlers who wish to keep seeded running orders must notify the WAO Official of this at check in.

### **5.2.1 Course Times**

Course time will be 115% of the winning dogs time in non-Games classes.

Eliminated dogs may be asked to leave the ring after 80 seconds.

### **6. Obstacle performance standards**

Clarification of scoring in games classes for a spin on the down ramp/plank/past the pivot point of a contact obstacle.

### **6.12.1 Start Line**

Clarification of video reviews in games for start line sensors not being triggered.

### **7. Scoring**

Clarification that Judges or the Competition Manager may request the use of video review.