



## **Team Switzerland Selection Guidelines for FitPaws WAO Championships 2025**

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### **Team Switzerland WAO 2025**

If more than three teams per height category are interested to compete at the WAO, a qualification will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> and/or 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 – depending on the number of entries (Agility Zentrum Alpbbruck).

For the qualification competition an agility, a jumping and a snooker run will take place and the combined ranking list counts.

For the 250 category the first two dogs of the ranking list can join the team, for the other height categories the first three dogs. Exceptions can be discussed, for example if a handler prefers to split his gained spot for two of his dogs or is happy to share his spot with somebody (dogs must be in the same height category).

As team coach and country manager, Bettina Stemmler will compete at the WAO for Switzerland with a spot in the 250 category and is also eligible to participate in the qualification competition on top of it.

You can win a maximum of two spots in the qualification competition, but can enter more than two dogs.

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### **Measurements of dogs / Height category**

There is no possibility to get an official WAO measurement in Switzerland. Please make sure that you enter the dog in the correct height category if you like to participate at the qualification. If your dog is close to the cut-off, enter the dog in the higher category (see page 9 in the WAO Rules).

There will be a possibility to measure the dogs which are close to the cut-off (not an official WAO measurement) by a swiss judge on the day of the qualification to ensure they are in the right category and be able to switch category if necessary.

All spot-winning dogs of the team (except 600 and the dogs that already have an official WAO measurement or have been measured in the morning) will be measured after the qualification and if a dog is too big for the category, this dog will lose the spot and the next dog on the ranking list will get the spot.

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## **World Agility Open Championships for Junior Handlers**

One Junior handler (date of birth must be on or after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2006) in each height category is invited to compete for the WAO Junior World Champion title.

If more than one Junior handler per height category is interested to join the team, they also take part in the qualification competition with a ranking list separate to the adults. They have to register before the final registration date.

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### **Contact and Entry**

If you wish to participate, please visit the following website for further information and entry form.

[www.swiss-wao-team.ch](http://www.swiss-wao-team.ch)

Registration opens 1<sup>st</sup> August and ends 31<sup>th</sup> August 2024. A waiting list will be active after the final registration date.

If you have further questions, please contact Bettina Stemmler, [info@scotties.ch](mailto:info@scotties.ch), 079 409 23 82