



Team Switzerland Selection Guidelines for WAO Championships 2024

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Team Switzerland WAO 2024

If more than three teams per height category are interested to compete at the WAO, a qualification will take place at the 30th September and/or 1st of October 2023 (Agility Zentrum Albruck).

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 two dogs can join the team, for the other height categories 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.

A handler can win maximum two spots, but people can enter more than two dogs in the qualification competition. If somebody qualifies with more than two dogs, this person will need to decide which two spots she/he will take.

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

All spot-winning dogs of the team will be measured after the qualification (excluded the dogs already have an official WAO measurement or were measured in the morning) 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.

World Agility Open Championships for Junior Handlers

One junior handler (date of birth must be on or after 1st May 2005) in each height category is invited to compete for the WAO Junior World Champion title.

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

Contact and Entry

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

www.swiss-wao-team.ch

Registration opens 10th July and ends by 31th August 2023. A waiting list will be active afterwards.