

Rules of selection of competitors of the Czech Republic for World Agility Open 2026 (WAO)

Date of the competition:

13 – 17 May 2026, Ermelo, Netherlands

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Only a member of the Czech Agility Club may be nominated. Membership in the Agility Club must be paid no later than the deadline for qualifier registration. As of the registration deadline, handlers must be citizens of the Czech Republic, or have a birth certificate from this country, or have parents or grandparents born in this country, or have permanent residence status. The handler and the dog may only compete for one country. The nominated dog and handler must meet the WAO eligibility requirements.

The WAO rules are published at <https://www.worldagilityopen.com/>.

By submitting the application for the WAO qualifiers, the handler agrees and declares that they have familiarized themselves with the WAO rules, that they will fully comply with them and the conditions stated therein, including the liability declaration contained in the WAO rules appendix and including the commitment to serve as a helper during the competition to the extent determined by the WAO organizer and the team manager. In matters not addressed by WAO rules, the qualifiers follow the FCI Agility Regulations / National Agility Regulations of the Czech Republic, the Competition Rules of the Czech Agility Club or other club regulations. In this sense, the runs in the WAO qualifiers are considered a game under Article II, point 4.1.3 of the Competition Rules, with rules defined by WAO.

The handler shall present their performance book at registration. The results of the runs at the qualifier will not be recorded in the performance book.

All dogs, regardless of whether they have an FCI pedigree or not, may participate in the qualifiers and subsequently WAO, provided they are healthy and in good condition and at least 18 months old on the day of the qualifier. The team must have completed an A3 exam without faults no later than the day before the start of the qualifier, unless otherwise specified.

The qualifier will take place from 23 to 25 January 2026.

The capacity of the qualifier may be limited; the expected maximum is 190 teams. If the number of registered teams exceeds the capacity, priority will be given to teams that participated in WAO 2025, FCI WC 2025, EO 2025 and/or JOAWC 2025 and/or have completed an A3 exam without faults at least five times judged by two different judges, between 1 January 2025 and the deadline for the qualifier. If capacity is still insufficient and/or it is necessary to decide between teams that meet the conditions in the same way, the final decision rests with the team management (Manager and Coach), and the decisive criteria will be: a) the progression speed achieved in the A3 exam and b) results at international competitions submitted to the team management by the applicant during the period from 1 January 2025 until the date of the qualifier. If the capacity is not filled, the team management may decide to allow participation of teams that do not meet the performance criteria of this concept. The method of submitting results from international competitions and other organizational information will be published on the Facebook event of the qualifier.

Application for representation:

A binding application for representation for individual competitions must be submitted electronically through a web form, which will be published by the Agility Club (not kacr.info) on its website and also via kacr.info. Payment for the qualifier must be credited to the account listed in the event proposition no later than on the application deadline. Furthermore, on the day of the deadline, the handler must be a member of the Agility Club. Without the simultaneous fulfillment of these three conditions, the team cannot participate in the qualifier and cannot be nominated.

The application deadline is set for 5 January 2026.

During the qualifier, each team will complete 3 Agility and 3 Jumping runs. The distribution of runs by day will be published after the registration deadline. Runs are voluntary; the team is not required to start all of them. If due to force majeure a run cannot be held, the number of runs may be changed.

Height categories:

Name of the HEIGHT category	Height of the dog at withers	Height of the jump	Height of A-frame	Width of double jump	Length of long jump	Height at the centre of the tire
250	320 mm & less	250 mm	1.7 m	215-235 mm	500 mm 2 elements	400 mm
300	380 mm & less	300 mm	1.7 m	260-280 mm	600 mm 2 elements	450 mm
400	440 mm & less	400 mm	1.7 m	350-370 mm	800 mm 3 elements	550 mm
500	500 mm & less	500 mm	1.7 m	440-460 mm	1000 mm 4 elements	650 mm
600	more than 500 mm	600 mm	1.7 m	530-550 mm	1200 mm 5 elements (min. 4 for TryOuts)	750 mm

Rules of point awarding for WAO 2026:

The standard time for each category is listed below:

Category	jumping	agility
300	4,2 m/s	4 m/s
400	4,2 m/s	4 m/s
500	4,4 m/s	4,2 m/s
600	4,4 m/s	4,2 m/s

The results of individual runs will be evaluated according to the rules of Pentathlon, i.e. penalty points for course mistakes are added as penalty seconds to the time achieved.

A team may run in all runs in the qualifiers, but it isn't compulsory. Teams will gain points according to the table listed below:

Place	Number of points
1 st place	15
2 nd place	12
3 rd place	10
4 th place	8
5 th place	6
6 th place	4
7 th place	2
run without course mistakes placed 8 th or lower	1

Points are awarded only to teams that have completed the course in the standard time. Teams that have a time error (exceeding the standard time) do not get points.

Nomination Rules for WAO 2026:

In each height category, the three best teams that achieved the highest number of points and meet the conditions listed in this concept will be nominated, according to the table below, where “yes” indicates entry into the respective competition. If a junior handler places among the top three, the team that placed fourth will also be nominated. Two substitutes will be nominated in each category, who will not attend WAO unless a nominated team withdraws before the event. If one handler has more than one nominated dog, additional substitutes will be nominated so that in case of injury a full team (min. 3 per competition) can be assembled.

In the event of a tie in points, the higher number of points from Agility runs decides. If still tied, the number of completed runs decides. If still tied, the decision rests with the team management.

placements	Pentathlon	Biathlon	Games
1.	yes	yes	yes
2.	yes	yes	yes
3.	yes	yes	yes

Since WAO also includes the Junior World Champion title, awarded based on the sum of results from all individual competitions, the following applies: if a junior handler places in the top 3, they compete in all listed events. If the best junior did not place in the top 3 but scored at least 1 point in qualifiers, they receive a junior nomination. If no junior scores a point, the team may still nominate a junior based on performance.

A junior is defined as a handler born on 1 May 2007 or later.

Participation in the team competition (Teams) for each run is decided by the team management during the WAO trip. If a nominated team withdraws before registration is submitted, all following teams are moved one place up.

Wild Cards

Wild card allocation follows WAO rules. Individual teams may apply directly to WAO. The team management does not handle these applications.

Height Category Assignment

All dogs will be assigned to a height category according to the height recorded in kacr.info. If no height is recorded, the dog will be measured before the qualifier by three attending judges, placed into the WAO category, and the result will be recorded in the performance book and database.

If the handler disagrees with the height listed in the performance book and the dog has not been measured officially, they may request remeasurement by three judges. The dog will then be placed in the appropriate WAO category and the result recorded.

All dogs nominated based on qualifier results, except those already officially measured, will be remeasured by three attending judges. If the result shows the dog ran in the wrong category, the results are annulled and the next team moves up. Refusal to undergo required measurement also results in annulment.

All above measurements follow Article 5.4 of the Competition Rules (official measurement). No fee is charged.

Financial Conditions

By applying, the handler agrees to pay the WAO entry fee, any other organizer-set fees (e.g., helper penalty), and cover all travel and related costs. The Agility Club may contribute an amount approved by its board. In case of wild card nomination, the board also decides support.

Representative clothing will be provided if possible. If not, the handler agrees to pay for a jersey up to CZK 1,000. Two team officials will attend WAO, with costs covered for transport and accommodation (camper rental, fuel, camping fees incl. electricity), representative clothing, and remuneration of CZK 1,800 per day (per Directive 1/2023 on judge remuneration), for each qualifier day and WAO day.

General

The nomination proposal for WAO 2026 will be submitted to the board of the Czech Agility Club. If it meets the rules of this concept, the board will approve it.

Automatic Nominations Based on 2025 Results:

GAMES

250 – Hana Malá + Ziggy

400 – Aneta Obrušníková + Chilli

400 – Aneta Obrušníková + Arrya

BIATHLON

300 – Klára Válková + Grace

400 – Aneta Obrušníková + Chilli

400 – Aneta Obrušníková + Arrya

600 – Lucie Glejdurová + Day

PENTATHLON

300 – Klára Válková + Grace

400 – Aneta Obrušníková + Chilli

JUNIORS

250 – Anna Maroušková + Dorry

300 – Erik Řehola + Kimi

500 – Natálie Mlejnková + Anny

Katka Marešová + Coudy earned an automatic nomination to all events due to placement in the JUNIORS category.

Code of Conduct

Selected representatives must follow the code of conduct, WAO rules, and all applicable regulations on agility and animal welfare. Violations may lead to exclusion from the national team.