Rules of selection of competitors of the Czech Republic for World Agility Open 2027 (WAO)

Date of the competition:
12–16 May 2027, Ermelo, Netherlands

Team Manager: Karina Divišová
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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 the Competition Rules, with rules defined by WAO.

From the moment an application is submitted, the handler is subject to WAO standards of conduct. Competitors must be present at the start in due time and no later than three dogs before their scheduled run. Training on the course (repeating obstacles) is prohibited and results in exclusion. The organiser, team management or judge may exclude a team at any time due to concerns about the dog's health, inappropriate treatment of the dog, inappropriate behaviour towards judges, organisers, helpers, team management or competitors, or any other unsportsmanlike conduct. Exclusion results in annulment of results and loss of all points earned.

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 22 to 24 January 2027.

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 2026, FCI WC 2026, EO 2026 and/or JOAWC 2026 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 4 January 2027.

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. One or more competitions may be replaced by Speedstakes, Snooker or Gambler at the discretion of the Team Manager and Coach. Participation in runs is voluntary. The programme may be modified in cases of force majeure.

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 2027:

The standard time for each category is listed below:

Category	jumping	agility
300	**4,4 m/s**	**4,2 m/s**
400	**4,4 m/s**	**4,2 m/s**

500	**4,6 m/s**	**4,4 m/s**
600	**4,6 m/s**	**4,4 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
1st place	**15**
2nd place	**12**
3rd place	**10**
4th place	**8**
5th place	**6**
6th place	**4**
7th place	**2**
run without course mistakes placed 8th 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. In Snooker and Gambler competitions, the additional point for a faultless run is not awarded.

Nomination Rules for WAO 2027:
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	Penthatlon	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 2008 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 Competition rules), for each qualifier day and WAO day.

General
The nomination proposal for WAO 2027 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 2026 Results:

GAMES 250 – Eva Lačňáková + Ice
BIATHLON 400 – Lenka Fuksová + Hippie
BIATHLON 500 – Veronika Kolmanová + Vaiana
PENTATHLON 250 – Hana Malá + Ziggy
PENTATHLON 400 – Lenka Fuksová + Hippie
PENTATHLON 400 – Aneta Obrusníková + Arrya
JUNIORS 300 – Martin Šaling + Carrie
JUNIORS 300 – Erik Řehola + Kimi
JUNIORS 500 – Natálie Mlejnková + Anny

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.