

# **World Agility Open (WAO) Championships 2012**

## **Republic of Ireland Team Selection**

The second WAO World Agility Championships will take place at the Equestrian Centre de Warre, Belgium from 18th to 20th May 2012. I have once again been invited to organise a team to represent the Republic of Ireland.

[www.worldagilityopen.com](http://www.worldagilityopen.com)      <http://www.dewarre.be/le/home.php>

This year the team selection will take place in two stages:

**Stage 1** - Assuming there is sufficient interest, there will be a 4-round qualifying competition at Streamstown, Malahide on Sunday 24th July. At this, we are hoping to have the facility to measure all dogs into their correct WAO height category. Once the 4 rounds have been completed the dog with the most points, in each of the four height categories, will be guaranteed a place on the Republic of Ireland squad. These dogs will, as a minimum, be entered in either the individual Pentathlon or Biathlon class at the World Championships.

**Stage 2**- All those that don't automatically qualify at Stage 1 will be invited to attend further training sessions. This is subject to a satisfactory standard being reached in the qualifying rounds.

These training sessions will take place during August/September/October/November, and on the basis of performance and commitment, Anne Collen and I will select the remainder of the squad.

### **Cost:**

Entry to the Stage 1 qualifying round €10 per dog (maximum per €15 per handler)

### **Please be aware:**

- Competitors will be responsible for all their own expenses i.e. entry fees, travel etc. to the event
- As the competition will be in Belgium, pet passport, rabies vaccinations etc etc will be required for your dog. Forward planning is therefore essential!!!!

*Due to the WAO's being further afield next year, this will be a more expensive project than this year, both of time and money. If there are not enough dogs/handlers of a sufficient standard to make this a feasible project, no team will be sent.*

If you think you AND your dog are up to the challenge of tough international courses, why not come along and tryout.

**Entries, with fees, to reach me no later than Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011.**

Diana Collie - Team Manager

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**ENTRY FORM**

**Fee: €10 per dog (maximum €15 per handler)**

Name of Handler: .....

Address: .....  
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Home Telephone No: .....

Mobile No: .....

Email: .....

**Dog 1**

Pet Name: .....

Breed: .....

IKC Grade: .....

IKC Height: .....

WAO Height (if known);.....

**Dog 2**

Pet Name: .....

Breed: .....

IKC Grade: .....

IKC Height: .....

WAO Height (if known);.....

Please note by entering this selection process you are confirming your ability to attend the entire World Agility Open event from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.

Please return with entry fee, no later than **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2011** to:

Diana Collie, Feltrim Lodge, Streamstown Lane, Malahide, Co. Dublin.