



## WHOC 2025 ITALY HOOPERS TEAM GB TRY OUTS PROTOCOL

5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>Date</b>	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>Venue</b>	Monster Dog Sports, Saffron House, Redgates Lane, Sewards End, Saffron Walden, CB10 2LP  what3words: ///jeering.seagulls.hotdog  Google map coordinates: (52.0315822, 0.2925636)
<b>Time</b>	8:00 venue opens, 8:30 briefing, 8:45 course walking, 9:00 judging
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<b>Entry Via</b>	<a href="https://hoopersport.eu">https://hoopersport.eu</a>
<b>Entry Deadline</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
<b>Cost</b>	£40 per dog. Non-refundable. Payable at the time of booking.
<b>Selection Committee</b>	Hayley Laches Nicola Hogan Veronique De Boer-Wildeboer (guest judge) Lisa Nijhof (guest judge)
<b>Supporting Documents</b>	Hoopers Team GB Selection Criteria See <a href="https://caninehoopersuk.co.uk/team-gb/">https://caninehoopersuk.co.uk/team-gb/</a>

## **Aim**

Hoopers Team GB is formed under the ethos of equality, diversity and inclusion. Anyone living in Great Britain is eligible for Try Outs providing they are at least 15 years.

Hoopers Team GB Try Outs will take place on a single day with the purposes of enabling teams of dog and handler to showcase their skills and suitability for WHOC.

In order to be considered for the team, attendance at the Try Outs is essential. Only in extenuating circumstances will handlers be considered for the team without attending the Try Outs, for example but not limited to: - serious illness, death of a close relative, family breakdown, environmental factors beyond the control of the participant. In such instance, application must be made in writing within 48 hours of the Try Outs to the management committee explaining the circumstances under which attendance wasn't possible.

## **Equal Opportunities**

Handlers and their dogs living in Great Britain who are at least 15 years old are eligible to attend the Team GB Try Outs. All attendees will be treated equally and without prejudice.

## **Venue and Format**

Upon arrival, all participants will be required to sign in at the Registration Desk.

At 8:30, there will be an Event Briefing which will occur prior to the first course walking. The format and expectations of the day will be outlined and question resolved.

The venue is an outdoor 50mx50m arena with sand and shredded carpet flooring.



The day will involve teams of dog and handler running a maximum of 4 courses throughout the day, depending upon numbers of attendees and time constraints.

Running orders will be randomly generated and will be different for each class. These will be provided on the day at the Registration Desk and followed.

Courses will be in the style of those found in Europe and aligned with what we can expect at WHOC.

Courses for small dogs may be different to those for large, however the difficulty will be comparable.

Equipment will be compliant with WHOC i.e. baseless hoops, baseless chutes and will include barrels and gate.

WHOC rules will apply.

Classes will be judged by guest judges Veronique De Boer-Wildeboer and Lisa Nijhof.

### **Intended Schedule**

Class 1:	Small Dog Course 1
Class 2:	Large Dog Course 2
Class 3:	Small Dog Course 3
Class 4:	Large Dog Course 4
Class 5:	Small Dog Course 5
Class 6:	Large Dog Course 6
Class 7:	Small Dog Course 7
Class 8:	Large Dog Course 8

There will be a short break between classes for course changes.

There will be a 30minute lunch break in the middle of the day, at a convenient time as determined by the Selection Committee.

The intended Schedule may be modified by the Selection Committee if time constraints do not permit latter classes to be undertaken.

### **Help on the Day**

All participants are expected to provide assistance on the day. This may include setting up equipment, setting up courses, moving tables and/or chairs etc as required.

## **Measuring**

All participants are required to show proof of height category on the day at the Registration desk e.g. KC or A4A agility official height measurement.

Measuring will be available on the day for anyone unable to show proof of size.

## **Team Size**

To comply with WHOC rules, a maximum of 20 teams can form Hoopers Team GB consisting of small and large dogs, or all of a single height category.

It is at the discretion of the Selection Committee whether all 20 places are filled.

## **Selection Criteria**

Selection is based on criteria as defined in “Hoopers Team GB Try Outs & Selection Criteria” (<https://caninehoopersuk.co.uk/team-gb/>).

## **Registration and Costs**

Every handler and dog must be registered before the deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

Registration is via: <https://hoopersport.eu>

The cost of attending the Try Out is at the participants own expense.

The registration fee is £40 per dog, payable at the time of registering online and is non-refundable.

The registration fee will entirely be donated towards the costs of Hoopers Team GB attending WHOC.

## **Camping**

Camping is available on site, £10 per night.

No electric hook up is available. 1x showers available (free).

Bookable when completing your online registration.

## **Catering**

There will be a BBQ provided on Friday evening 7pm-8:30pm. £10 per person to include burger or hotdog & sides and 1 drink, bookable when completing your online registration. Attendance is optional and in no way effects your team selection.

There will be no onsite catering van during the trials on Saturday. Bring your own.

### **Trial's Outcome**

The outcome from the Trials will be communicated via email no later than end-April.

The decision of the Selection Committee is final.

Following Team Selection a team meeting will be held with all concerned to discuss aspects such as but not limited to: team kit, travel and accommodation, team training etc. This meeting will take place within the weeks immediately following the Try Outs Day.

### **Welfare of Dogs**

A competitor whose dog is entered in the event or is on site should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the needs of their dogs are met and should not knowingly put their dog's health and welfare at risk.

Space must be allowed for yellow dogs and competitors are required to queue 2 metres away from other competitors and their dogs and stay 2 metres away from ring fencing.

Bitches in season are allowed to compete at the end of each class. You must notify the show organiser and judge.

Harsh handling will not be tolerated, and you may be asked to leave the event. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars or prong collars, is not permitted at the venue and within the precincts of the event.

Dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the competition are not permitted to attend.

### **Code of Conduct & Complaints**

All participants will respect each other and the facilities.

Please respect our judges and Selection Committee. Judge's decision is final. Selection Committee's decision is final.

Reactive "yellow" dogs will be given adequate space & consideration.

If a person wishes to make a complaint against another person or their dog, it must be made to the Try Outs Selection Committee on the day of the event. All details of the incident must be given, along with a required £50 fee.

If a person wishes to make a complaint against the Hoopers Team GB Selection Committee this must be made in writing to WHOC within 7 days of the event.