

WORLD MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAMS

5.4

General

1 The general requirements of Operational Manual 2nd Ed 5.1 "Australian Teams" shall apply to World MTBO Championship (WMTBOC) Teams except as varied by this regulation. This regulation shall not apply to [foot] World Orienteering Championships, Junior World Championships, Masters World Championships or World Championships in other disciplines (such as Ski Orienteering or Foot Orienteering).

2 For the purpose of these regulations, a WMTBOC shall include the finals and any qualifying races.

Selection of World Championship Teams

Selection Panel

3 WMTBOC teams shall be selected by the MTBO Panel (appointed under Operational Manual 2nd Ed 5.1 "Australian Teams" clauses 4 to 11).

Selection Criteria for WMTBOC Teams

4 For WMTBOC teams the events forming the primary guide to selection shall be the selection trials conducted in accordance with paragraph 5 hereunder.

Selection Trials for WMTBOC Teams

5 The Selection Trials for WMTBOC teams will be based on the following guidelines:

- a) At least two selection trials shall be conducted.
- b) If overseas based athletes apply for team selection and cannot compete in all Australian selection trials, they may be required to compete in one or more high-quality overseas races nominated by the selection panel as trials.
- c) The program and results of Australian and overseas selection trials should be well publicised to the orienteering public in Australia.
- d) The technical standards and terrain conditions of these trials should be as similar as practicable to those anticipated for the relevant WMTBOC.
- e) The Chairperson of the MTBO Selection Panel in consultation with the other members of the MTBO High Performance Management Group shall determine the dates, locations and appropriate winning times for the trials and other selection criteria. This shall be confirmed by the Council and advertised on the OA website prior to the first selection trial.
- f) The MTBO Selection Panel, Head Coach and the National Coach/Management Team shall arrange for the appointment of course setters, controllers and other officials required to conduct the trials except where the trial is part of an existing National Event.
- g) Each trial map should preferably be a new map but, if this is impracticable, the map may have been used for one previous event. That event shall have been a State or Australian Championship or International event in which all persons eligible to run in the trials would have been eligible to compete. Advice of any known intention to run a selection or trial on such a map shall be published in the invitation to the event and in *The Australian Orienteer* or OA website.
- h) Where several groups of trials are conducted, the MTBO Selection Panel may (after each group of trials) pre-select any orienteers who show by their performance that they are clearly superior to their peers.

Team Size

6 Consistent with the OA Elite Development policy, a team of at least four men and four women should be selected subject to clause 27 of Operational Manual 2nd Ed 5.1 "Australian Teams". The primary criteria of selection of additional competitors will be their potential to achieve benchmark performances in a World MTBO Championship.

7 All selected Team members are to be given at least one ride in the WOC for which they have been selected.

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