

Orienteering Australia selection criteria for Australia/New Zealand MTBO Challenge team

1. Background

1.1 Scope

This document sets out selection arrangements for the Australia/New Zealand MTBO Challenge team.

1.2 Selection Panel

The selection panel is to be drawn from experienced MTBO riders from diverse states. The selection panel for 2018 is:

- Manager, MTBO High Performance - Kay Haarsma kayhaarsma@hotmail.com
- Chair of Selectors - Craig Steffens csteffen@bigpond.net.au
- Selector – Carolyn Jackson carolyna.jackson@yahoo.com.au

In accordance with the OA rules, members of the selection panel will not vote or take part in discussion on selection of the class in which he or she, or a member of his or her immediate family, or a partner, is a contender for selection.

2. Selection details

2.1 Team size and composition

The MTBO Challenge team size is set by the Australia/New Zealand MTBO Challenge rules.

Athletes need to clearly demonstrate their potential to reach the top 10 in the races in which they compete.

The team will be announced shortly after the nomination window closes.

2.2 Selection events and criteria

Team selection will be based on the following criteria:

Results - the relative placings of nominated riders in the same event at state, national, oceania or international level events

Depth of experience - where a rider has attended state, national, oceania or international level events

Commitment - where a rider has attended state, national, oceania or international level events

(i) Primary criteria, in order of importance

1. Comparison of the all nominated (age class) riders results in the most recent World Elite/Masters/Junior/European MTBO Championship.

IOF MTBO Rankings - <http://ranking.orienteeing.org/>

World Cup Rankings - <http://ranking.orienteeing.org/WorldCup?wcup=mtbo>

2. Comparison of the all nominated (age class) riders results in the most recent Australian MTBO Championship - www.ausmtbochamps.com

3. Comparison of the all nominated (age class) riders results in the most recent Australian MTBO series - www.orienteeing.asn.au/index.php/mountain-bike-national-league/

4. Comparison of the all nominated (age class) riders results results in the most recent Australia/New Zealand MTBO Challenge

5. Comparison of the all nominated (age class) riders results results in the any recent Australian State MTBO Championship

(ii) Ability to relate well within a team atmosphere.

Athletes are reminded that in accordance with the Orienteering Australia operational manual, priority will be given to selecting a team which can be expected to behave in a harmonious and responsible manner. Past unacceptable behaviour by an orienteer will be taken into account by the selection panel.

Where comparisons of nominated riders' performances against each other are not possible at the higher level events e.g. world championships, their attendance at such events will be taken into account, in regards to the increased level of competitive discipline required.

Selection will be largely evidence-based. It will analyse event results to determine who is likely to achieve the best results at the MTBO Challenge events. While the selection panel will take all relevant factors into consideration, the strongest cases for selection will be those that meet both the primary and secondary criteria.

When two athletes have very similar performance, based on the criteria above, selection will have regard to potential for future development, including factors such as age, experience and riding speed.

2.2.1 Selection Range

The selectors will take a riders demonstrated performance in terrains similar to the MTBO Challenge event areas into account.

There are no absolute measures of performance (i.e. times and records) so relative performance compared to other athletes vying for selection will be crucial to the selection process.

In accordance with the Orienteering Australia operational manual, the selection panel will take account of any exceptional circumstances affecting the performance of candidates in the selection events; however, the onus is on the candidate to advise the Chair of Selectors in writing of these exceptional circumstances.

2.3 Nominations and team announcements

All athletes shall ensure they conform with the OA operational manual with regard to anti-doping provisions and the maintenance of up to date contact details with ASADA. Failure to meet such obligations may result in an athlete's nomination for selection being refused.

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit a nomination through the web form below by **midnight Friday 16th February 2018**.

To nominate fill in this web form - <https://goo.gl/forms/bZIUe5hPvtJJiJTu1>

3.0 Enquiries

Enquiries about the nomination process are to be directed initially to the Chair of MTBO Selectors.

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