

Orienteering Australia Selection Criteria
20th World University Orienteering Championships 2016

Miskolc, Hungary

July 30th – August 4th 2016

**(To be read in conjunction with Section 5.1 Australian Teams - OA Operational Manual and
Section 5.2 World Championships Teams - OA Operational Manual)**

It is the responsibility of all prospective team members and their coaches to read and make sure they understand the policy and how it operates. If anyone has a specific query in relation to the intended meaning or operation of the policy, they can contact the Chair of Selectors (Bruce Arthur) or any of the selectors.

WUOC Program

Sat 30th July: Opening ceremony

Sun 31st July: Sprint

Mon 1st Aug: Long

Tue 2nd Aug: Mixed sprint relay

Sat 3rd Aug: Middle + Banquet

Sun 4th Aug: Relay + Closing Ceremony

Selection Panel

[Tom Quayle](#), WOC Coach.

[Wendy Read](#), WOC Coach.

[Nick Dent](#), OA Head Coach

[Bruce Arthur](#), Chair of Selectors (non-voting).

Team Composition

Australia is permitted to have a team of 6 Men and 6 Women:

Sprint	4 men	4 women
Sprint Relay	2 men	2 women
Middle Distance	4 men	4 women
Relay	3 + 3 men	3 + 3 women
Long Distance	4 men	4 women

Team Size

Only athletes of a “suitable standard” will be considered for selection, up to the maximum number allowed. Emphasis will be placed on maximizing the results achievable, and the benefits of international exposure to athletes who have clear potential to represent Australia at WOC in the future.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the team, prospective team members must complete the online WUOC Athlete Nomination form, a link to this is provided both on the OA website and via AMP. This application involves a declaration by prospective team members that they will be bound by the policy and appeal process set out in the key documents and OA Manual.

All athletes must be members of a state association affiliated to Orienteering Australia. Also, in order to nominate for selection, the athlete must be a member of one of Orienteering Australia’s Squads (Elite High Performance Squad, High Performance Squad, National Development Squad, and Australian Junior Development Squad). All athletes must ensure that they conform to OA rules in relation to anti-doping provisions and the maintenance of up to date contact details with ASADA.

To be eligible, athletes have to be students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the University or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority, or former students who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year 2015.

Athletes must be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1st, 2016 (date of birth must be between January 1st, 1988 and December 31st, 1998);

Athletes must have a full passport-holding citizenship in Australia.

Selection Process

In exercising their **discretion**, the selectors may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the selectors, relevant for consideration when selecting an elite Australian team. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the selectors as set out in this clause, the selectors may consider the following:

Generally, selection will be based on consideration of the athlete’s

1. **Participation** in International, National and State orienteering events (both in Australia and Overseas).
2. **Performances** achieved in these International, National and State events in the different foot orienteering formats (sprint, middle, long, relay) as measured by overall result, km rate, percentage behind winner etc:
3. **Commitment** to improving their physical, technical and mental skills. These can be demonstrated for example by: training schedules, technical consistency through splits analysis, active involvement with coaches and other athletes. Individual strengths that may contribute to the performance of the team as a whole.
4. The benefit of exposure to international racing to any athlete who, in the opinion of the selectors, has the potential to represent Australia at future World Orienteering Championships.

Specific selection criteria (Category A,B,C,D, in order of importance)

- A) **(Australian based athletes) Participation and performance** in
- **NOL Round 1 Melbourne Sprint Weekend- 12th & 13th March**,
4 event sprint series <http://www.parkstreeo.com.au/msw2016/>
 - **Australian 3 Days and Prologue 25th-28th March, Canberra (ACT)**
<http://easter2016.orienteering.asn.au>
 - **NOL Round 3 Flinders Ranges, 23rd-24th April**, middle distance and ultra-long.

Overseas based athletes who are unable to participate in the above events will have suitable events in the country they are based in, nominated to them by the selectors. These events, once determined, will be publicised via OA website and AMP so all athletes are aware of them. Athletes who are overseas during the selection period, are required to contact Tom Quayle before nominations are due (Feb 28, 2016) to commence discussions about a suitable selection / race program commensurate with the Australian Selection race program.

- B) **International events** held in the 12 months leading up to the selection date – examples:
- WOC 2015
 - JWOC 2015
 - World Cup Races 2015 (including Tasmanian World Cup Races)
- C) **National events** both in Australia and overseas in the 12 months leading up to the selection date
- D) **State and district** events both in Australia and overseas in the 6 months leading up to the selection date.

It is relevant that athletes can demonstrate consistency of performance, technical superiority in the appropriate format, and evidence of a solid training base.

Inability to participate in any of the events in A) above, for whatever reason, must be communicated to the OA Head Coach, Nick Dent nickdent7@gmail.com before the event.

Selection Procedure

1. Athletes complete online nomination form “WUOC 2016 Nomination Form” by Feb 28th 2016. A link to this form is on the OA website and in AMP.
2. Team announced by 2nd May, by Chair of Selectors on the OA website.
Enquiries: Nick Dent, OA Head Coach nickdent7@gmail.com

Notes

These selection criteria take precedence over other previously documented inconsistencies in previous documents. For clarification;

1. These selection criteria takes precedence in the event of any inconsistency with **Section 5.2 World Championships Teams -- OA Operational Manual**
2. **Special consideration** may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Section 5.1.23 of the operational manual states. *The respective Selection Panel should take account of any exceptional circumstances affecting the performance of team candidates in a selection event (e.g. illness, potentially unfair aspects of course setting). Any team candidates who consider they have a case for special consideration are responsible for advising the Chairperson of the respective Selection Panel in writing.* In addition, in considering the performances of athletes at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria, the respective national selection committees may, at their **discretion**, give weight to extenuating circumstances. In such circumstances (for example, travel delays, bereavement or personal misfortune), it is the athlete's responsibility to submit a written application with evidence for special consideration to the Head Coach/Chair of selectors/Director of HP in a timely manner.
3. **Pre-selection** options will apply to WUOC team selection. The Selection Panel has the authority to pre-select one or more individuals at any time if, in the Panel's opinion, they have clearly demonstrated that they have a realistic prospect of placing in the top 16 of the individual races in the World University Championships. Such a decision will be based on previous national and international championship performances, the candidate's proposed programme of training and competition overseas, and performances in earlier selection trials (if applicable).

Links to key documents

[Section 5.2 World Orienteering Teams](#)

[Section 5.1 Australian teams,](#)

This policy can be amended at any time by Orienteering Australia if Orienteering Australia is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the IOF guidelines, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Orienteering Australia by Orienteering Australia. Orienteering Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.