

Orienteering Australia
World Orienteering Championships 2019
Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information
Østfold, Norway
12 – 17 August 2019

(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 Jim Russell, OA Head Coach, or Bruce Arthur, Chair of the Senior Selection Panel.

WOC 2019 Program

- 13.08. Qualification Middle
- 14.08. Long Distance
- 16.08. Final Middle
- 17.08. Relay

The team will convene in Norway one week before WOC for team building, terrain familiarization and final preparations. The team will be together for two weeks and athletes will need to make their own travel arrangements to get to and from Norway, and liaise with Lars Klyve (WOC Team Manager and Assistant Coach), and Jim Russell (Team Coach) over these. Further details of the tour will be provided by Jim Russell as arrangements are finalised.

Selection Panel

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

[Jim Russell](#), OA Head Coach and WOC Team Coach.

[Shannon Jones](#), Selector

Second selector TBA

Team Composition

Australia is permitted to enter the following number of athletes in each race in 2019:

Middle Qualification 3 men 3 women

Long Distance	2 men	2 women
Relay	3 men	3 women

Team Size

Only athletes of a “suitable standard” for the calibre and difficulty of WOC will be considered for selection. **Emphasis will be placed on maximizing results in individual races, with the overall team size being determined by the number of athletes needed to get the best competitors in each discipline, within the constraints of the maximum team size.**

Funding

OA has a draft budget of \$31,000 for the WOC team. As OA no longer receives high performance funding from the Australian Sports Commission this is money raised from the Australian orienteering community. Team members will need to pay for their own travel costs to and from WOC and any additional on-ground expenses not covered by OA, which are expected to be of the order of \$500. Team members are encouraged to recoup their costs as much as possible through fund raising with their local club, state association, or seeking personal sponsorship. The WOC team and individual team members are also able to receive tax deductible donations through the Australian Sports Foundation. The OA High Performance Group will help in promoting these fund raising possibilities.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the team, prospective team members must complete the online nomination form released with these selection criteria (see below).

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 (High Performance Squad, National Development Squad, or 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.

IOF requires that to compete for your nation you must have full passport holding citizenship rights with that nation and you can only represent one nation in a calendar year.

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 and national events in relevant foot orienteering formats (middle, long, relay) as measured by overall result, km rate, percentage behind winner etc.
3. **Commitment** to improving physical, technical and mental skills. Athletic races and time trial results will be used as evidence of physical condition and its improvement and at least two results prior to the NOL season commencing need to be provided to the Head Coach (see below). All nominated athletes must have a personal coach who can be contacted by the OA Head Coach.
4. **Potential.** 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 and achieve podium placing.

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

A) Australian based athletes

Participation and performance in

- March 30-31, 2019; NOL Round 1 Hill End, NSW; relay and long.
- April 21 -22, 2019, Easter 3 Day, Perth, Day 2 and 3; long and middle.
- April 27, 2019, Australian Middle Distance Champs, Narrogin, WA; middle
- May 18-19, 2019 NOL Round 3, NSW Championships, Cowra; middle, ultra-long

Overseas based athletes who are unable to participate in the above events will have suitable events in the region they are based in agreed with the Head Coach. Athletes who are overseas during the selection period, are required to contact Jim Russell before nominations are due to commence discussions about a suitable selection race program commensurate with the Australian Selection race program. Overseas based athletes are expected to participate in time trial physical tests.

B) International events held in the 12 months leading up to the selection date. Examples include WOC, JWOC, and World Cup races. **National events** in the 12 months prior to the selection date, primarily the Australian Championships Carnival events.

C) Physical tests. All nominating athletes are to submit results from two 5 km physical tests conducted prior to the NOL season starting. The first test is to be undertaken at any time in January or February and the second test is to be undertaken on the weekend of 16-17 March or the week before or after if arranged with the Heads Coach. The test should be athletics races, Parkruns, or GPS recorded time trials. The distance or other aspects of these arrangements can be varied by agreement with the Head Coach.

It is relevant that athletes can demonstrate consistency of performance, technical superiority in the appropriate format and evidence of high physical condition.

Inability to participate in any of the Category A events listed above for reasons such as injury, sickness, personal circumstances, work or study commitments must be communicated to the OA Head Coach, Jim Russell, before the event. It is the athletes responsibility to keep the head coach informed of

circumstances that will impact on performances. The OA Head Coach may prescribe alternative selection races in these cases.

Selection Procedure

1. **Athletes complete online nomination form by 15th March 2019.** This date is two weeks before the selection process begins. It gives athletes and selectors time to check that all nominations and all the associated information has been received. If this is not the case an extension may be granted to all athletes but no further extensions will be granted after 29th March 2019, when trials begin. If you are uncertain about whether you want to compete in WOC or not then nominate by the due date as you can withdraw your nomination later or not accept an offer to be in the team, but you cannot be added to the selection process once nominations have closed or added to the team once it has been announced.
2. **Provisional team announced on 19 May 2019,** at the NSW Long Distance Championships presentation ceremony. Provisionally selected athletes will have 2 weeks to accept the offer of a place in the team by completing the required payment and documentation. Otherwise they will be replaced by the next best athlete. The payment and documentation requirements will be communicated in advance of the selection to give all athletes adequate time to make plans.

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 given 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, or 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, or HP Administrator in a timely manner.
3. **Pre-selection** options will apply to WOC 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 Championships. Such a decision will be based on previous 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.