

# **Orienteering Australia**

## **2019 World Cup Round 4, China**

### **Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information**

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 Ian Prosser, Chair of the Senior Selection Panel.

#### **World Cup Round 4 program**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: arrival in Guangzhou  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct: model event  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct: middle distance  
27<sup>th</sup> Oct: sprint relay  
28<sup>th</sup> Oct: rest day  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct: sprint  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: departure from Guangzhou

In addition athletes may like to take advantage of training opportunities in Hong Kong prior to the WC. On 21-22 October Hong Kong hold two days of training in cooperation with [ORIEN.ASIA](#). On Monday it's the sprint training in Fanling with closely packed Chinese villages. On Tuesday it's the middle distance training in Yuen Long with hills, open ground and forest. Both training days are designed to let teams familiarise with South Chinese orienteering terrain before heading north to Foshan for the World Cup Finals.

#### **Selection panel**

Ian Prosser, Chair of Selectors (non-voting)  
Jim Russell, OA Head Coach  
Bruce Arthur  
Tracy Bluett

#### **Team size and eligibility**

Australia is allowed to enter up to six men and six women in each race and we can have up to four sprint relay teams. We will aim to have a team of twelve athletes to compete in all races.

Only athletes of a suitable standard for a senior World Cup competition will be eligible for selection and funding support. This is interpreted as athletes who are current members of one of the national senior squads or a member of the national junior squad. There may be athletes outside of these squads who have exceptional circumstances that allow them to be of a suitable standard. To be considered as an exception to the eligibility criteria please contact either Jim Russell or Ian Prosser. All athletes must be

members of a state association affiliated to Orienteering Australia. Athletes will be required to sign and abide by an athlete agreement to receive funding support.

To travel to China you will need to obtain a visa and this can take up to a month to obtain. This requirement, and the organizer's entry deadline provides a constraint on team selection.

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.

In order to be considered for the team, athletes must complete the online nomination form released with this document (see below).

## **Funding**

Orienteering Australia will cover entry fees and most of the cost of a package of accommodation, event transport and meals provided by the event organisers. Athletes will be asked to contribute \$100 toward living expenses. OA will also pay the costs of a team manager to assist athletes. China will pay all on-ground costs for one man and one woman athlete from each nation and the selectors will determine which two team members are given this support. All athletes will need to pay for their own travel to and from Guangzhou, and any costs associated with attending pre-event training as part of their trip.

As OA no longer receives high performance funding from the Australian Sports Commission all funding provided is raised from the Australian orienteering community. 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. 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.

## **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, sprint, 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. 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) **Participation and performance** in

- Easter 3 Day 2019, Perth, sprint relay and Day 1 sprint.
- Australian Sprint and Middle Distance Champs, Narrogin, WA
- NOL Round 3, NSW Championships, Cowra; middle

**Athletes** who were unable to participate in the above events will have suitable alternative results used in agreement with the Head Coach. Athletes who want to make these arrangements are required to contact Jim Russell before nominations close to agree on alternative races.

**Oceania Sprint Champs, Wagga, September 2019.** Results from this race may be used to finalise selections where the selectors feel that a final race close to the World Cup is needed to determine ranking among nominees. However, because of entry and visa requirements it is hoped to name the majority of the team before this race.

### B) **International events** held in the 12 months leading up to the selection date. Examples include WOC, JWOC, and World Cup races.

### C) **Physical tests.** Results from previously arranged 5 km and 3 km physical tests conducted prior to the NOL season starting. Athletes may provide more recent physical test results to the selectors to support their nomination if they wish to do so.

## **Selection Procedure**

1. **Athletes complete online nomination by 15 August 2019.** Nominations will be via an “event” established in Eventor Australia (<https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/8725>). This date is two weeks before the deadline to name athletes attending the World Cup round. The nomination deadline gives athletes and selectors time to check that all nominations and all the associated information have been received. If this is not the case an extension may be granted to all athletes but no further extensions will be granted after 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019, as athlete names need to be entered by 31 August 2019.
2. **Partial team announced on 15 September 2019.** Based upon performances earlier in the year (see selection criteria) it is hoped that much of the team can be announced on this date.
3. **Full team announced on September 29,** immediately after the Oceania Sprint Championships on the previous day. This allows the Oceania sprint to be used as a final deciding selection trial where it is needed to distinguish among athletes. Athletes will need to immediately apply for a visa to visit China for this timetable to work.