

Orienteering Australia
World University Orienteering Championships 2020
Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information
Smolensk, Russia
July 14 – 18, 2020

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

The WUOC is governed by FISU (the International University Sports Federation) and the Australian Team will be governed by UniSport Australia. While UniSport Australia expects to support a team to WUOC on a similar basis to the previous WUOC's a decision on this has not yet been made. Until then the information in this document is provisional and is based upon prior arrangements with UniSport Australia.

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 Bruce Arthur or any of the selectors.

WUOC 2020 Program

Tuesday 14th Sprint Relay
Wednesday 15th Sprint
Thursday 16th Long
Friday 17th Middle
Saturday 18th Relay

Selection Panel (based on OA Senior Selection Panel)

Ian Prosser Chair of Selectors (non-voting).

Jim Russell, OA Head Coach.

Bruce Arthur, Selector

Tracy Bluett, Selector

WUOC Team Coach (TBA).

The panel may consult with the OA Junior Selection Panel regarding junior nominees for the team.

Team Composition

Australia is permitted to enter up to 4 men and 4 women in each individual race. The sprint relay is 2 men and 2 women and Australia can enter one team. The other relay will be teams of 3 men and 3

women and Australia is permitted to enter up to 2 two teams in each class. Australia is permitted to send a team of up to 6 men and 6 women but the size of the team will depend upon the standard of the nominating athletes relative to the standard of competition at WUOC. The minimum standard is that athletes are deemed by the selectors as having a good chance of achieving a top 2/3 result in the races for which they are selected. 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.

Funding

OA has set aside money to support the attendance of a team manager/coach but will probably have insufficient funds to meet the costs of team athletes. As OA no longer receives high performance funding from the Australian Sports Commission the only money available is that raised from the Australian orienteering community. Team members are encouraged to recoup their costs as much as possible through fund raising with their university, local club, state association, or by seeking personal sponsorship. The WUOC 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 fund raising.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the team, prospective team members must complete the nomination form. 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 (**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.

Unisport Australia will need to endorse the selected team and team members will need to abide by Unisport Australia rules, wear the Unisport Australia team uniform, and pay their required fees, as well as abiding by Orienteering Australia rules for national teams.

Only competitors who satisfy the following conditions may take part in a FISU World University Championships:

- a) Be a citizen of the country they represent;
- b) Be at least 17 and less than 25 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event.
- c) Meet the conditions laid down under Art. 5.2

"5.2 Participation

5.2.1 Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU World University Championship:

- a) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;

b) Former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event;”

The IOF states that 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, 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 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 in the selection period need to be provided to the Head Coach. 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.

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

A) **Australian based athletes**

Participation and performance in

- March 7-8, 2020, NOL Round 1 Melbourne; sprint relay, 3 x sprints
- April 10-13 2020, Easter 3 Day; sprint, middle, long, relay
- April 25-26 2020, NOL Round 3, Gold Coast, sprint
- May 16-17 2020, NOL Round 4, South Coast NSW, middle, relay

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 close to commence discussions about a suitable selection race program commensurate with the Australian selection race program. Emphasis will be given to head-to-head racing among the overseas based athletes. Overseas based athletes are expected to participate in the time trial physical tests.

Junior aged athletes are not expected to run M/W21E to gain selection. They should continue to compete in their junior age classes. Selectors will compare across age classes considering kilometre rates, course difficulties and split times.

B) **National and international events** held in the 12 months leading up to the selection date.

Examples include:

- WOC
- JWOC
- World Cup races
- Oceania Championships
- NOL events

C) All nominating athletes are to submit results from two 5 km physical tests conducted prior to the NOL season starting on March 7. The tests should be athletics races, or Parkruns where results are published and distances are verified. Athletes are to provide the Head Coach with evidence of the results as part of their nomination for selection. Aspects of these arrangements can be varied by agreement with the Head Coach if there are exceptional circumstances.

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

Athletes are expected to participate in at least three of the weekends specified in A). If you are not able to do so because of special circumstances you must contact the OA Head Coach, [Jim Russell](#), before the event to agree upon alternative arrangements.

Selection Procedure

1. **Athletes complete online nomination form by 1 March 2020.** This date is one week before the selection process begins. It 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 7 March 2020, when trials begin. If you are uncertain about whether you want to compete in JWOC 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. **The team size will be fixed after NOL Round 3 in the Gold Coast in consultation with UniSport Australia** as team size entries close soon after that. The team size will be published as soon as it is finalized.
3. **Provisional team announced on 17 May 2020**, at the NOL presentation ceremony. The provisional team will need to be endorsed by UniSport Australia who are responsible for entering and governing the team.

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 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 WUOC. 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.