

Orienteering Australia
Junior World Orienteering Championships 2020
Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information
Kocaeli, Turkey, 26 June - 4 July 2020

(To be read in conjunction with Section 5.1 Australian Teams-OA Operational Manual and Section 5.3 Junior World Championships Teams - OA Operational Manual)

Athletes should read these criteria carefully – there are changes from previous years.

If anyone has a specific query in relation to this document they should contact [Jim Russell \(OA Head Coach\)](#) or [Ian Prosser \(OA High Performance Administrator\)](#).

JWOC Program

28 June	Sprint
29 June	Middle qualification
30 June	Middle final
02 July	Long
03 July	Relay

Usually all team athletes run in all races. The team will convene in Turkey one week before JWOC 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 Denmark. Further details of the tour will be provided by the JWOC Team Manager and Team Coach as arrangements are finalised.

Selection Panel

Chair of Selectors: Ian Prosser (non-voting)

JWOC Coach: TBA

JWOC Manager: TBA

OA Head Coach: Jim Russell

Selector: Catherine McComb.

Team Size

Only athletes of a suitable standard will be selected, up to the maximum number allowed of six men and six women.

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. As a guide to athletes, a suitable standard would involve being an established M/W 20 competitor at a national level and displaying the capacity to perform physically, technically and mentally with the world's top juniors. First year M/W18s and younger athletes will only be considered for selection if they have an established record of performance in national-level M/W20 events prior to the final selection trials.

Funding

The draft OA budget for JWOC is \$16,000. As OA no longer receives high performance funding from the Australian Sports Commission this is money raised from the Australian orienteering community. It is expected that team members will need to pay an additional \$1000 - \$1500 each as a contribution to on-ground costs of food, transport and accommodation. Athletes will also have to pay their own travel costs to and from Turkey. Team members are encouraged to recoup these costs as much as possible through fund raising with their local club, state association, or seeking personal sponsorship. The JWOC 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 activities.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the team, prospective team members must complete an online nomination form which will be released with these selection criteria.

By IOF rules to be eligible for the team you must be an Australian citizen capable of obtaining an Australian passport and you must not have represented another country in orienteering in 2020. All athletes must be members of a state association affiliated to Orienteering Australia.

All athletes must ensure that they conform to OA rules in relation to anti-doping provisions.

If you will be under 18 years old at the time of departure for Turkey you will need the permission of your parents or legal guardian to nominate for the team.

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 and voluntary attendance at squad training camps.

2. **Performances** achieved in these international and national 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, time trial results or Parkruns 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 (see below). All nominating 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 criteria (Category A and B, in order of importance)

- A) **(Australian based athletes) Participation and performance in**
 - March 7-8, 2020, NOL Round 1 Melbourne Sprint Weekend.
 - April 10-13 2020, Easter 3 Day, Orange, NSW (sprint, middle, long, multi-day).
Note that Easter results will be the primary selection criteria as it more closely matches the JWOC disciplines than the Melbourne Sprint Weekend.

Overseas based athletes who are unable to participate in the above events will have suitable events agreed with them by the OA Head Coach (Jim Russell).
- B) **Other significant events** held in the 12months leading up to the selection date. Level B selection events will be Oceania Championships Carnival 2019 and JWOC 2019.
- C) **Physical tests.** 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 online 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 their age class (M/W17-20E) and evidence of a solid training base.

Inability to participate in any of the Category A events 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 1 March 2020.** This date is one weeks 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. **Provisional team announced on 13 April 2020**, at the Easter 3 Day 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.
3. **Enquiries:** Jim Russell, or Ian Prosser (see email links above).

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 5.3 Junior World Championships Teams - OA Operational Manual**
2. Athletes should note section 5.3.6 of the Junior World Championships teams copied below: “Any competitor who is unable to compete, or whose performance is adversely affected, in one or more selection trials due to injury, or illness, may be considered for selection in the team, providing that they have significantly outperformed one or more members of the team that would have been selected in their absence in recent major events and/or have performed at an appropriately high level in one or more alternative events nominated by the Junior Selection Panel. Any team candidates who consider they have a case for special consideration are responsible for advising the OA Head Coach or Chairperson of the Junior Selection Panel in writing.”
3. **Special consideration other than injury or illness** may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Section 5.3 of the operational manual states the only grounds for special consideration are injury and illness. While this will generally be the case, 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 OA Head Coach or Chair of Selectors in a timely manner.

Links to key documents

[Section 5.3 Junior World Orienteering Teams](#)

[Section 5.1 Australian teams,](#)

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