

**Orienteering Australia**  
**Junior World Orienteering Championships 2021**  
**Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information**  
**Kocaeli, Turkey, 9 - 16 July 2021**

(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 selection criteria outlined in this document, they should contact [Fredrik Johansson \(OA High Performance Administrator\)](#).

***Note on COVID-19: A JWOC team will only be selected if OA considers participation in JWOC to be feasible given the prevailing COVID-19 health situation and associated government recommendations and restrictions. A final decision on Australian participation in JWOC 2021 will be made prior to team announcement.***

**JWOC Program - Background**

11 July	Sprint
12 July	Middle qualification
13 July	Middle final
15 July	Long
16 July	Relay

In the past almost all team athletes have run each of the disciplines and that has been the norm although we will even consider a team line up where for example an athlete does not run the long race in order to run the relay on the final day. All athletes will be picked however to run each of the disciplines.

We will convene in Turkey as a team in the week before the start of the championships. Each athlete will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from Turkey, but we will try and coordinate as much as possible from the coaching group in order for all athletes to make the most out of the trip. Further details will be provided by the JWOC Coaching team as arrangements are finalised.

## **OA Junior Selection Panel 2021**

Fredrik Johansson, Chair of Selectors (non-voting)

Cathy McComb, Selector

Head Coach (TBA)

JWOC Coach (TBA)

### **Team Size**

The maximum number of athletes allowed at JWOC is six women and six men. The number of athletes selected however may vary from year to year.

Athletes selected are judged by the Junior Selection Panel to have a reasonable chance of achieving a top 2/3 result in each of the JWOC disciplines. As a guide, a suitable standard would involve being a consistent top 6 finisher in W/M20 at national level. W/M18's in order to be selected need to be on a par with top 6 finishers in W/M20. Athletes born in 2005 will not be considered for selection if they run W/M16. They will need to move up an age group to be considered.

### **Funding**

The draft OA budget for JWOC 2021 is \$17,000. As OA no longer receives high performance funding from Sport Australia 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 activities 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.

### **Eligibility**

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

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 2021. 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 the team. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the selectors as set out in this clause, the selectors will take into account the following:

### **General selection criteria**

1. **The athlete's current participation** in national, state and local orienteering events and attendance at state squad training camps or days when they are offered.
2. **The athlete's long-term commitment** to improving their physical, technical and mental orienteering skills. Nominating athletes are expected for example to participate in meetings organised by the JWOC coaching team.

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

#### A) **NOL Round 2 - Australian Easter 3-days + prologue**

- April 2-5, 2021, Orange, NSW (sprint, middle, long, shortened long).

The Junior Selection Panel will evaluate each of the disciplines at the Easter 3-day as individual races as well as the total result. As there will be both 18A and 20E classes offered at Easter with identical courses except for the Sunday long race the Selection Panel will be in the position to compare the athletes fairly across the classes.

#### B) **NOL Round 1 and NSW Championships**

- March 13-14, 2021, NOL Round 1 (sprint, middle & long/Hageby), Eureka Challenge VIC.
- April 10-11, 2021, NSW Middle & Long Distance Champs, Eugowra, NSW.

Overseas based athletes who are unable to participate in any of the A/B events will have suitable events agreed with them by the Junior Selection Panel. These events must be run no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 as the JWOC team will be announced the following week.

#### C) **Other international events** held in the 24 months leading up to the selection date. Examples of such events are races from the Oceania Championships Carnival 2019, JWOC 2019, Norwegian Championships 2020, Swedish Championships 2020 etc.

#### D) **Other state events.** Due to the current situation regarding changing Covid-19 travel restrictions we will even take into account state championship and state league/OY events in the selection process. Examples of such events are the NSW, ACT and SA Sprint Championships which are all scheduled to be run prior to Easter 2021.

Inability to participate in any of the Category A/B events for reasons such as injury, sickness, personal

circumstances, work or study commitments must be communicated to the Chair of the Junior Selection Panel prior to the event in question. It is the responsibility of the athlete to keep the Junior Selection Panel informed of circumstances that will impact on performances.

OA may decide at its discretion to allocate alternative selection races should we have a number of race cancellations due to travel restrictions. Any changes will be communicated to all junior athletes regardless of whether they have nominated for JWOC or not.

## **Selection Procedure**

1. **Athletes must complete online nomination by 11.59pm on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.** The Chair of the Junior Selection Panel will communicate to all junior athletes how this nomination is to be completed. The Junior Selection Panel will then compile a list of all nominating athletes which will be made public at 6.00pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. Should there be any errors or omissions in the list then this information should be communicated with a member of the Junior Selection Panel no later than 6.00pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. Thereafter the nomination process for JWOC21 will be finalised and closed for further nominations and made public by 12.00pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. If you are uncertain about whether you wish to nominate for the JWOC21 team, we would encourage you to nominate by the due date as you can always withdraw your nomination at any stage, alternatively not accept an offer should you be selected in the team. You cannot be added to the selection process once nominations are finalised.
2. **The Provisional team will be communicated through a number of channels no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of April at 8pm AEST time.** Provisionally selected athletes will have 2 weeks to accept the offer of a place in the team by completing the required payment and documentation. There may or may not be a number of reserves named in the selection process. Should a selected athlete decline their position on the team then the position will go to the highest place reserve athlete. In the case that there are no reserves named the Junior Selection Panel will convene to decide on whether a new team member shall be selected from the nominated athletes. Should we encounter a worst-case scenario that we are unable to send all of our selected athletes as planned, the Junior Selection Panel reserves the right to consider replacement athletes if they fulfill the requirements to compete.

The payment and documentation requirements will be communicated in advance of selection to give all athletes adequate time to make plans.

3. **Enquiries:** [Fredrik Johansson \(OA High Performance Administrator\)](#).

## **Notes**

These selection criteria take precedence over other documents in the case of inconsistencies. For clarification:

1. These selection criteria take 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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