

Orienteering Australia

Junior World Orienteering Championships 2023

Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information

Baia Mare, Romania, 02 - 09 July 2023

(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.

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. Specific queries in relation to the intended meaning or operation of the policy shall be made to [Fredrik Johansson \(OA High Performance Administrator\)](#).

JWOC 2023 Program - Background

3 July Sprint

4 July Sprint Relay

5 July Middle

7 July Long

8 July Forest Relay

The team will convene in Romania in the week before the start of the championships. Each athlete will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from Romania, but team management will coordinate as much as possible so that all athletes can get the most out of the trip. Further details will be provided by the JWOC Coaching team as arrangements are finalised.

OA Junior Selection Panel 2023

Fredrik Johansson, Chair of Selectors (non-voting)

Cathy McComb, Selector

Bridget Uppill, Selector

Natasha Key, Head Coach

JWOC Coach, TBC

If a selector declares a conflict of interest that results in them being unable to vote on a decision relating to a particular athlete, the OA High Performance Director, Clare Hawthorne, will vote on that decision.

Team Size

The maximum number of athletes per country allowed at JWOC is six women and six men. The junior selection panel reserves the right to select fewer than 12 athletes if not enough nominating athletes are considered to be at the level required to compete at JWOC.

Eligibility

- In order to be eligible for the team, prospective team members must complete an online nomination form.
- All athletes must be members of a state association affiliated to Orienteering Australia.
- All athletes must ensure that they conform to current OA anti-doping guidelines.
- Athletes who are under 18 years old at the time of departure for Romania will need the permission of a parent or legal guardian to nominate for the team.
- The IOF requires athletes to have full passport-holding citizenship rights in the country for which they are competing. Athletes can only represent one nation in a given calendar year.

Younger athletes

Athletes who choose to compete in M/W18 are eligible to be considered for JWOC selection. However, in order to be in serious contention, M/W18 athletes would need to run comparable km rates to the top M/W20E athletes in all JWOC selection races. M/W18 athletes should therefore seriously consider whether their chances for selection are improved by 'running up'; i.e. running M/W20E in selection races.

Athletes competing in W/M16 will not be considered for selection.

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 to participate in meetings and activities organised by the JWOC Training Squad Coaches.

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

CATEGORY A

NOL Round 1 - Oceania

- January 7-12, 2023, Launceston & St Helens, TAS (Sprint, Long, Middle)

NOL Round 2 - Sydney Sprint Weekend

- March 11-12, 2022, Sydney (Individual Sprint)

NOL Round 3 – Easter Weekend, ACT/NSW

- April 7-10, 2023, Jindabyne/Nimmitabel, NSW (Sprint prologue and Days 1-3, Middle, Long, Short Long)

The Junior Selection Panel will evaluate each of the disciplines at the Easter 3-day as individual races as well as the overall result.

Overseas based athletes who are unable to participate in any of the Category A events can nominate up to three high-level events as an alternative. These events must be approved by the Junior Selection Panel and take place no later than the 10 April 2023.

CATEGORY B

- **Any other 2023 NOL race up to and including Easter not named in CATEGORY A**
- **Other State and international events** held in the **18** months leading up to the selection date. Examples of such events are races from NOL 2022, World Cups 2022, JWOC 2022, Australian Championships 2022, Swedish/Norwegian/British Championships 2022.

Inability to participate in any of the Category A events for reasons such as injury, sickness, personal circumstances, being in isolation due to Covid, 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 there be significant race cancellations due to travel restrictions. Any changes will be communicated to all junior athletes as soon as practicable, regardless of whether or not they have nominated for JWOC.

Selection Procedure

1. **Athletes must complete online nomination by 11.59pm on Sunday 19 of March 2023.**

- 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 Monday 20 March 2023.
 - 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 26 March 2023.
 - Thereafter the nomination process for JWOC23 will be finalised and made public by 12.00pm on 27 March 2023.
 - Athletes who are uncertain about nominating for the JWOC23 team are encouraged to do so by the due date, as nominations can always be withdrawn before the final selection races.
2. **The Provisional team will be communicated to athletes no later than the 16 of April 2023 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.
 - Reserves will normally be named in the selection process. Should a selected athlete decline their position on the team, the position will go to the highest placed reserve athlete.
 - In the event that all the named reserves decline an offered place, or no reserves have been named, the Junior Selection Panel will convene to decide on whether a new team member should be selected from the nominated athletes.
 - In the event that a large number of selected athletes are not able to travel to JWOC as planned, the Junior Selection Panel reserves the right to consider further replacement athletes, including by calling for further nominations.
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.

Funding

OA has budgeted for JWOC 2023. However, as OA no longer receives high performance funding from Sport Australia this money is 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 Romania. 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.

Links to key documents

[Section 5.3 Junior World Orienteering Teams](#)

[Section 5.1 Australian teams](#)

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