

Orienteering Australia

Junior World Orienteering Championships 2024

Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information

Plzeň, Czechia, 01 - 06 July 2024

To be read in conjunction with OA Operational Manual 3.1 Australian Foot Orienteering Teams Policy. In the event of any inconsistency, these selection criteria take precedence.

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

All enquiries should be sent to [Fredrik Johansson \(OA High Performance Administrator\)](#).

JWOC Program 2024

- 1 July Sprint Relay
- 2 July Sprint
- 3 July Long
- 4 July Rest Day
- 5 July Middle
- 6 July Forest Relay

The team will convene in Czechia in the week before the start of the championships. Each athlete will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from Czechia. Further details will be provided by the JWOC Coaching team as arrangements are finalised.

OA Junior Selection Panel 2024

TBC, Selector

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TBC, JWOC coach

Chair to be selected from the above

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 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 Czechia will need the permission of a parent or legal guardian to nominate for the team.
- Athletes must satisfy IOF nationality rules for international representation found [here](#).

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.

To be selected, athletes will have demonstrated proficiency in a specific format or formats. To avoid doubt, it is not necessary for athletes to demonstrate proficiency in all JWOC formats to be selected. Athletes who demonstrate strong potential may also be selected in order to gain international experience in a specific format or formats.

Without limiting the discretion of the selectors, 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 training 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.
3. **Fair Play.** The athlete’s commitment to the [IOF Fair Play principles](#).

Specific selection criteria

The following races will be the primary indicators for selection:

- **NOL Round 1 - Tasmania** February 17-18, 2024, Hobart, TAS (Sprint, Middle)
- **NOL Round 2 - Australian 3 days, Easter Weekend, SA** March 29th- April 1st, 2024 (Sprint, Middle, Long, Short Long)

Factors to be considered include final race position, race splits and time behind the winning

time. Each individual day at the Australian 3 days will be considered by selectors, as well as the overall result.

Overseas based athletes who are unable to participate in any of the selection 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 April 1st 2024.

The selection panel will also consider individual progression and race performances at national and international competitions within the 2023 and 2024 seasons. Examples of such events are races from World Cups 2023, JWOC 2023, Australian Championships 2023 and Oceania 2024.

Nominating athletes should advise the Chair of Selectors of inability to participate in any of the above events for reasons such as illness, injury, work or study commitments, or other personal circumstances.

Selection Procedure

1. **Athletes must complete online nomination by 11.59pm on 17 March 2024.** The HP Administrator, Fredrik Johansson, will communicate to all athletes how this nomination is to be completed.
2. **All nominating athletes will be advised of the outcome of team selection by phone and/or email no later than 8pm AEST on 8 April 2024.** Athletes who have not been selected can appeal their non-selection. **Further information on the appeals process is outlined in the OA Operational Manual – 3.4 – Selection Appeals Policy (to be published in November 2023)**
3. Where no appeals are made, the provisional team will be announced on 14 April 2024. Provisionally selected athletes will have 7 days to accept the offer of a place in the team by signing and returning an Athlete Agreement to the High Performance Administrator. Other documentation and payment requirements will be communicated at the time of selection.
4. Reserves can be named in the selection process. Where all reserves have been exhausted, or no reserves have been named, the selectors named above will convene to decide whether a new team member should be selected from the nominated athletes, or if further a call for further nominations should occur.

Funding

OA has budgeted for JWOC 2024. However, team members will need to pay an additional amount to cover on-ground costs of food, transport and accommodation. This is expected to be at least \$1500 per person (final amount TBC). Athletes will also have to pay their own travel costs to and from Czechia. 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 is also supported by tax deductible donations through the Australian Sports Foundation.

Key documents

- 3.1 - Australian Foot Orienteering Teams Policy
- 3.10 - Selection Appeals Policy (available November 2023)

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