

Orienteering Australia Other National Teams 2024

Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information

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 \(OA High Performance Administrator\)](#).

Introduction

This policy covers all national teams in 2024 except for the Junior World Orienteering Championships and the World Orienteering Championships, both of which have their own policy.

Events covered by this policy are:

- Orienteering World Cup (Round 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- World University Orienteering Championships
- Australia-New Zealand competitions (including Oceania Sprint Orienteering Championships)

Selection Panel 2024

Given these events could include both senior and junior athletes, both the Senior and Junior Selection Panels will be involved in their selection.

In 2024 the senior selection panel comprises:

Bruce Arthur, Selector

TBC, Selector

TBC, Selector

TBC, WOC coach

In 2024, the junior selection panel comprises:

TBC, Selector - Chair

TBC, Selector

TBC, Selector

TBC, JWOC coach

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.

Event description

Orienteering World Cup (OWC)

[Round 1, 25-26 May, Olten Switzerland \(Knock-Out Sprint / Sprint\)](#)

[Round 2, 1-2 June, Genoa Italy \(Sprint / Sprint Relay\)](#)

[Round 3 \(EOC\), 17/18/20 August, Mór Hungary \(Middle, Long, Relay\)](#)

[Round 4, 27/28/29 September, Kuopio Finland \(Sprint Relay, Middle, Long\)](#)

World University Orienteering Championships (WUOC)

[1/2/4/5 August, Bansko Bulgaria \(Sprint, Sprint Relay, Middle, Relay\)](#)

Australia-New Zealand competitions

Oceania Sprint Championships: [28 Jan – 4 Feb New Plymouth/Auckland New Zealand \(Knock-Out Sprint, Sprint Relay, Sprint\)](#)

Kings Birthday Weekend, New Zealand: TBC

Australian Orienteering Championships, Armidale, NSW: TBC

Eligibility

- 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.
- Athletes must satisfy IOF nationality rules for international representation found [here](#).
- Nominating athletes must compete in either M/W21E or M/W20E (where eligible).

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 one of the specified Australian teams. Without limiting the discretion of the selectors, the selectors will consider the following:

General selection criteria

1. **Performances** achieved in international and national events in relevant foot orienteering formats as measured by overall result, percentage behind winner, split times etc.
2. **Commitment** to improving physical, technical and mental skills. Road and track races, time trials, and cross-country/trail running races maybe used as a guide to running speed and physical condition.
3. **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 and achieve a podium placing.
4. **Fair Play.** The athlete's commitment to the [IOF Fair Play principles](#).

Specific selection criteria

For OWC, WUOC and Australia-New Zealand competitions (excluding Oceania Sprint Orienteering Championships)

Performance and performance data (split times etc) from the races listed below will be taken into account when athletes are considered for selection. It is not necessary to attend all of the listed races to be selected. However, nominating athletes who are not able to attend all the selection races due to personal circumstances, including work/study commitments, are strongly encouraged to discuss their planned racing program with the OA Head Coach.

Nominating athletes should also:

- inform the Chair of Selectors which races they intend to compete in.
- keep the Chair of Selectors informed of any other factors (e.g. illness, injury) that may impact or have impacted on performance or ability to compete in specific selection races.

The following races will be the indicators for selection:

NOL Round 1 – Hobart, Tasmania February 17-18, 2024 (Sprint, Middle, Relay)

NOL Round 2 – Easter, South Australia March 29th – April 1st (Sprint, Middle, Long, Relay Distance)

NOL Round 3 - Brisbane Sprints, Brisbane Qld April 25th – April 28 (Sprint, Sprint Relay, Knockout)

International races from 2023 and 2024 (e.g. WOC, World Cup, JWOC, Oceania) and the 2023 Australian Championships.

Overseas-based athletes who are unable to participate in any of the selection events should contact the Head Coach to agree upon suitable alternative event/s by no later than 17 March 2024. These events must be run no later than the 28 April 2024.

Specific information for Orienteering World Cups:

Orienteering Australia will send **up to the maximum team size** for each Orienteering World Cup round, where athletes meet a suitable standard for this level of competition. OA acknowledges that due to the timing of these events, the number and level of athletes nominating can vary. To continue to support these events as both important development and competitive opportunities, OA will support athletes at two levels:

Funded position: OA will pay for the entry and accreditation fees for these athletes. To be eligible for a funded position, athletes need to be ranked within the top 10 Australians for the discipline they are competing in the [Orienteering World Ranking](#) system OR have evidence of been in the top 10 within the last 24 months and having dropped out due to not having a full set of scoring races. Ranking scores will be checked on the start date of the event.

Unfunded position: OA will select these athletes to compete but will not pay entry and accreditation fees. To be eligible for an unfunded position, athletes must demonstrate a reasonable standard of performance and commitment level at the junior or senior elite level.

Australia-New Zealand competition at Oceania Sprint Orienteering Championships:

Orienteering Australia will select up to the maximum team size for each sprint discipline, as determined by the rules of the competition. Performance and performance data (split times etc) from all national and international level sprint orienteering races in 2023 will be considered for selection of this team.

Selection Procedure

General 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 5 May 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 11 May 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.

Orienteering World Cup Round 3 and 4

- Nominations for this team will be received through the same nomination form as above, due by **11.59pm on the 17 March 2024.**
- An athlete who did not nominate by the deadline can choose to nominate past this time by contacting the HP Administrator. This must be done prior to announcement of the team and at least 2 months prior to the competition.
- Teams for OWC Round 3 and 4 will be announced at least 45 days prior to the competition, however they may be announced before this time.
- The same appeals, position acceptance and athlete replacement processes will be used as outlined in the General Selection procedure above.

Oceania Sprint Orienteering Championships:

- Nominations for this team will be received through a separate online form, due by **11:59pm 30 November 2023.**
- All nominating athletes will be advised of the outcome of team selection by phone and/or email no later than 8pm AEST on 7 Dec 2023.
- The same appeals, position acceptance and athlete replacement processes will be used as outlined in the General Selection procedure above.

Funding

Orienteering World Cup:

Each OWC round will have entry/accreditation fee funding provided as outlined in the specific selection criteria section of this document. All athletes will be responsible for the cost of their travel to/from the competition, and the cost of food and accommodation whilst at the competition.

World University Orienteering Championships:

Athletes will pay an all-inclusive fee to Australian University Sport to cover the costs of accommodation, food, transport, and entry for the competition week. No funding is provided to athletes by OA. Athletes will be responsible for the cost of their travel to/from Bulgaria.

Australia-New Zealand competitions (including Oceania Sprint Orienteering Championships):

Funding **may** be available to cover the cost of entry fees for team members in these events, however this is not guaranteed. No other funding will be provided to athletes by OA.

Links to key documents

3.1 - Australian Foot Orienteering Teams Policy

3.10 - Selection Appeals Policy (available November 2023)