

Orienteering Australia

World Orienteering Championships 2024

Selection Criteria and Preliminary Information

Edinburgh, 12–16 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 \(OA High Performance Administrator\)](#).

WOC 2024 Program

12 July	a.m. Sprint Qualification p.m. Sprint Final
13 July	Rest Day
14 July	Sprint Relay
15 July	Rest Day
16 July	a.m. Knock-Out Sprint Qualification p.m. Knock-Out Sprint Finals

The team will convene in Edinburgh in the days leading up to the first race day. A more detailed schedule around the Championships will be finalised closer to the events.

OA Senior Selection Panel 2024

Bruce Arthur, Selector

TBC, Selector

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WOC Coach, TBC

Chair to be selected from the above.

Team Size

Australia is permitted to enter the following number of athletes in each race:

- Sprint (Edinburgh) 3 women, 3 men + Possible Oceania 2024 winner(s)
- Sprint Relay (Edinburgh) 2 women, 2 men
- Knock Out Sprint (Edinburgh) 3 women, 3 men + Possible Oceania 2024 winner(s)

The maximum number of athletes eligible for Australian WOC team selection is as shown above. However, the number of selected athletes will depend upon how the selectors choose to structure the team to meet the available positions.

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.
- Athletes must satisfy IOF nationality rules for international representation found [here](#).
- Nominating athletes must compete in M/W21E in nominated WOC trials, unless eligible to run M/W20E in an event that is also a JWOC trial (running the same course). Athletes running in other classes 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 an Australian WOC team. Without limiting the discretion of the selectors, the selectors will take into account the following:

General selection criteria

1. **Performances** achieved in international and national events in relevant foot orienteering formats (sprint, knock-out sprint, sprint relay) as measured by overall result, percentage behind winner 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

Performance and performance data (split times etc) from the races listed below will be taken into account when athletes are considered for selection.

At a minimum, selected athletes will be those judged by the Senior Selection Panel to have a reasonable chance of placing in the top half of the field in the Sprint. For Knock-Out Sprint selections, the initial consideration will be the likelihood of athletes qualifying successfully for the knock-out stage of the competition, with any demonstrated head-to-head racing performance taken into consideration thereafter.

The team for the sprint relay will be named at the same time that individual places are announced. WOC team members selected for individual races who have not been named in the relay team will automatically be relay team reserves.

Selection races

Selection races are listed below.

It is not necessary to attend all primary selection races to be selected in the WOC team. However, nominating athletes who are not able to attend all the selection races due to personal circumstances, including work/study commitments, must communicate their planned racing program with the OA Head Coach and the Chair of Selectors.

Nominating athletes should also 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.

Primary selection races:

- **Oceania Championships** - January 28, 2024 – Oceania Knock-Out Sprint Championships; February 3, 2024 Oceania (Individual) Sprint Championships - New Plymouth and Auckland, New Zealand
*See NOTE on automatic selection
- **NOL Round 1** - February 17, 2024 (Individual sprints) - Hobart, Tasmania
- **Elite prologue, Australian 3-days** – March 29, 2024 – Adelaide, South Australia
- **NOL Round 3** - April 25 – April 28, 2024 (Sprint, Sprint Relay, Knock-Out Sprint) – Brisbane, Queensland

Other selection races

The selection panel may consider results from WOC 2022; international sprint races from 2023 (e.g. EOC, World Cup, JWOC, Oceania); and the 2023 Australian Sprint Championships.

OA may decide at its discretion to allocate alternative selection races if multiple selection races are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Overseas-based athletes

Overseas-based athletes who are unable to participate in any of the primary selection races should contact the Chair of Selectors as soon as possible to discuss suitable alternative events. These events must be:

- agreed by 17 March 2024 at the latest
- run no later than the 28 April 2024
- include a mix of sprint formats.

Overseas-based athletes who do not race in their agreed alternative event/s will not be considered for

selection.

***NOTE: Automatic selection**

For both M21E and W21E: In the event that the winner of the Oceania Knock-Out Sprint and/or Oceania Sprint is an Australian athlete who has nominated for the Australian WOC team, the athlete or athletes will be automatically selected for the Australian WOC team, using their additional personal place in the relevant discipline. This selection will be subject to the fitness requirements outlined in OA policy 3.1 – Australian Foot Orienteering Teams Policy.

Other Requirements

Time trial – 5000m

All nominating athletes are to submit results from a 5km time trial undertaken in the period **1 February 2024 to 25 April 2024**. The tests can be athletics (track) races, Parkruns, organised group time trials (where results are published e.g. on Strava) and distances/times can be verified as accurate. Results of these time trials, including links to published results, are to be sent to the OA Head Coach by 25 April 2024 at the latest. Aspects of these arrangements can be varied by agreement with the Head Coach if there are exceptional circumstances.

There are no benchmark times set for these time trials, however results may be used as an indicator of:

- an athlete's current speed/fitness relative to other nominating athletes
- improvements in time over the same distance.

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 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 WOC 2024. However, team members will need to pay for their own travel costs to and from WOC and any additional on-ground expenses not covered by OA. This is expected to be at least \$500 per person (final amount TBC). Team members are encouraged to recoup their costs as much as possible through activities with their local club, state association, or by seeking personal sponsorship. The WOC Team is also supported by tax deductible donations through the Australian Sports Foundation.

Key documents

3.1 - Australian Foot Orienteering Teams Policy

3.4 - Selection Appeals Policy (available November 2023)

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