

AUS Squad for participation at the EYOC2026, 24-27 June 2026, Slovenia, Nova Gorica

Selection Guidelines and Process

European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC2026)

Orienteering Australia will select up to a maximum of 4 athletes in each eligible age category (M/W16, M/W18) for the Australian EYOC Squad, max 16 athletes.

For Age classes with less than 4 nominated Athletes you don't need to run the selection races (although OA encourages them to run), but still you need to nominate. And you should have some national results that the selectors can look at in the relevant age classes (e.g. M/W16, M/W18 or higher). Athletes who have only run moderate courses (e.g. M/W14, Schools Champs junior class) are unlikely to be selected; although selectors will consider each athlete on a case-by-case basis.

EYOC 2026 Selection Races

The following races will be **the main** indicators for the **EYOC Selection Panel** for the selection, in case there are more than 4 nominations per each age category.

- **April, 3-6th** Australian 3 days (AUS Champs) Easter TAS

In case, if athletes will not be able to travel to Tasmania, the results from the following races will be considered:

- **January 24-26th**, Oceania Championships Central Coast
- **March 7-8th**, Canberra ACT
- **State Leagues** weekends in own states

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, nominating athletes must compete in either their eligible age class (M/W16, M/W18) or in M/W20E at the Australian 3-Days and NOLs.

To be eligible for EYOC2026 Team, prospective athlete should satisfy to the age requirement:

MW16 – born 2010 or later

MW18 – born 2008 or later

Selection Panel 2026

In 2026, the EYOC2026 selection panel comprises:

- **Serena Doyle**
- **Rob Walter**
- **Grant Bluett**, Chair
- **Marina Iskhakova**, EYOC2026 Coach

EYOC 2026 NOMINATIONS

Nominations should be made directly here by filling the Nomination Form

EYOC2026 Nomination

Form: <https://forms.gle/LX58E51qp7A6h4tp9>

By no later than by 1st March 2026, 11:59PM.

By **2 March**, all nominees will be informed of how many nominations have been received per category. Selection results (in categories with more than 4 nominations) will be announced after the **Easter 3–6 April** and no later than **10 April 2026**.

Please indicate in the **NOMINATION form** whether:

- you are nominating for **EYOC 2026 only**, or
- your **EYOC 2026 nomination is conditional on your JWOC 2026 selection**.

The **EYOC 2026 Selection Panel** will announce all decisions by **10 April**. The **JWOC 2026 Selection Panel** will announce the decisions no later than **15 April**.

In categories where JWOC 2026 selection outcomes affect athletes' decisions to participate in EYOC 2026, then those athletes must confirm their EYOC 2026 decision **as soon as possible** after JWOC results are announced.

If an athlete withdraws their nomination from **EYOC2026**, the place will be offered to the next athlete according to the selection results. We will do our best that your **travel plans could be finalised right after 15th April**.

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