

Bushrangers Challenge 2012

1) Program

The Bushrangers Challenge is a competition, usually held twice each year, between Australia and Zealand. The races and formats for 2012 will be:

- Races will be in New Zealand north of Levin (2hrs from Wellington) on the NZ long weekend June 2-4th. Short, middle and long events are programmed.
- Races (to be specified later) during the Australian Championships carnival in Tasmania from September 22-28th.

2) Team size

The size of the team is determined by the visiting country, but is usually 3-6 men and 3-6 women.

3) Selection trials and criteria

Selection will be made by the senior selection panel, having regard to the Australian ranking list, and particularly in relation to 2012 form in events of NOL standard and above. Generally we will aim to select the best available team. Note:

- the primary purpose of the Bushrangers team is to provide exposure to international competition and also to provide a 'stepping stone' for athletes with high potential to reach future WOC teams.
- All past and present WOC team members will be eligible for selection, particularly for races in New Zealand.

For races in Australia, a stronger emphasis **may** be given to the development of high potential athletes.

Junior orienteers that are competitive at elite level are encouraged to nominate.

4) Nominations and team announcements

The team for the first set of races in New Zealand will be announced as quickly as possible following the Australian Easter 3 days (April 4-6) conclusion in Queensland. Athletes who nominate and are selected for the June Bushrangers team will be expected to attend the races even if subsequently selected for the WOC team.

We will seek verification and additional nominations for the September challenge later in the year, as well as now.

Nominations must be received by April 1 2012 by:

OA High Performance Manager, Kay Haarsma at kayhaarsma@hotmail.com and
Chair of Senior Selectors Jenny Casanova at jenny.casanova@health.sa.gov.au

Please supply:

Name: _____ DOB, _____ email address _____
Telephone contact numbers _____
Available for team in JUNE Yes / No SEPTEMBER Yes / No

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