

2014 Australian Team Selection Arrangements for WOC, WUOC, World Cup: Summary Document

Selection Panel

The selection panel for 2014 is:

- WOC Head Coach: Tom Quayle tomquayle@hotmail.com
- WOC Assistant Coach/Manager: Wendy Read wread2@eq.edu.au
- OA Head Coach: TBA
- Chair of Selectors (non-voting): TBA

1) Australian WOC Team for 2014

WOC Programme July 5-12, Trentino – Veneto, Italy

Changes to WOC format from 2014 have impacted on the Australian team size; Orienteering Australia is able to enter a team as follows:

Sat July 5 th	Sprint Qualification and Final	3 men	3 women
Mon July 7 th	Mixed Sprint Relay	2 men	2 women
Wed July 9 th	Long Final	1 man	2 women
Fri July 10 th	Middle Final	1 man	2 women
Sat July 11 th	Forest Relay	3 men	3 women

Our aim is to select the best team of athletes who are able to achieve success both individually and for Orienteering Australia. The team will ideally consist of at least four men and four women. Emphasis will be placed on maximising the results achievable by Australian teams in both relays.

The selectors will name the participants for each discipline of WOC, possibly including the members of both sprint and forest relays, when the team is named about 2 weeks after the final selection races. Reserves may be announced but there will be no funding for them to travel to or train with the team in Europe.

Selection trials and criteria: This is a brief summary of the main document, "Orienteering Australia selection arrangements for 2014 Australian WOC team". It is important to read this in conjunction with the full document on the OA website.

Team selection in 2014 will be based on the following criteria:

(i) Primary (ie most important) criteria

1. Results in the selection trials listed below, noting that there will be differing emphasis placed on the race results depending on whether the athlete's primary focus is sprint or forest racing;

(ii) Secondary criteria, in order of importance:

1. Past international performance, particularly at WOC
2. Recent performance at major Australian events within the last 12 months
3. Previous Australian performance;

(iii) Ability to relate well within a team atmosphere.

Primary WOC 2014 Criteria - Selection Trials

The Australian selection trials for 2014 will cover four sets of races:

- 1) Brisbane NOL races Feb 22nd/23rd
- 2) Beechworth NOL races March 22nd/23rd
- 3) Australian 3-days April 18-21, Rylstone, NSW
- 4) Mixed sprint relay Lithgow High School Friday April 25th and Long Distance, Gardens of Stone, Saturday April 26th.

The reason for using all NOL races throughout February-April as selection trials is so that athletes can demonstrate consistency of performance, technical superiority and evidence of a solid training base. It is important that athletes seeking WOC team selection maximise their chances of producing consistent quality race results which count, by attending as many races as practical.

Absence at selection trials will normally be taken as an indication that the athlete is uncompetitive relative to others at the time. Anyone who is unable to compete in one of the sets of selection trials (e.g. through injury, illness or absence overseas) will be required to advise the Chair of Selectors stating the reasons for the absence. If the absence is due to injury or illness a medical certificate shall be provided.

There are no absolute measures of performance (ie times and records) so **relative performance compared to other athletes vying for selection will be crucial to the selection process.**

Overseas selection races have been scheduled by the selection panel for athletes living overseas who choose not to return for the Australian selection trials. Athletes will need to achieve results at the overseas trials which are judged at least equal to those achieved by Australian-based past WOC team members and competitive with WOC team members from other countries. In essence: if you are at the margins of selection you are strongly encouraged to return for the Australian selection trials to demonstrate your position relative to your peers. This is the same principle that has been used in previous years. It is also essential to consult with the Chair of Selectors over your plans to ensure there is no ambiguity over expectations.

Secondary WOC 2014 Criteria – Past Performance

This includes results in the following events in order of reducing importance:

Past International Performance

- World Championships;
- World Cup races in 2013;
- JWOC 2013
- Other major international races such as WUOC, World Games, Nordic Championships, Jukola, Tio Mila, O-ringen, Park World Tour and major elite series and sprint races.
- Bushrangers' Test matches, Oceania Championships and other regional international championships

2) World Cup 2014

Round 1: Middle distance in Turkey (1 March)

Round 2: Long and Middle distance in Spain (5-6 April) and European Orienteering Championships in Portugal (9-16 April)

Round 3: Middle and Long distance in Kongsberg, Norway (7-8 June) and Sprint in Imatra, Finland (11 June)

Round 4: World Orienteering Championships in Trentino-Veneto, Italy (5-13 July)

Round 5: Middle distance and Sprint in Liestal, Switzerland (4-5 October)

Maximum team size is 6 men and 6 women.

All athletes who are intending to race should submit a nomination via the combined WOC/WC/WUOC form even if they have previously notified the WOC Coach that they will be attending.

There will be no specific trials for World Cup races (other than for WOC); selection is based on the athlete's 2013 race results, with greatest emphasis placed on international performances in 2013. Preference will be given to members of the HPS and EHPS when selecting a team.

3) World University Orienteering Championships (WUOC)

For WUOC (12th-16th August, Olomouc, Czech Republic) the maximum team size will be 6 men and 6 women as per http://wuoc2014.cz/dok/wuoc2014_bulletin1.pdf ; however, the size of the team selected by Orienteering Australia will depend on the number of applicants of suitable standard.

The schedule is as follows:

Tues 12th Mixed Sprint Relay 1 team (order of runners woman – man – woman – man)

Wed 13th Long Distance 4 men and 4 women

Thurs 14th Middle Distance 4 men and 4 women

Fri 15th Sprint 4 men and 4 women

Sat 16th Relay 2 men's team (3 legs) and 2 women's team (3 legs)

Primary trials will be the 4 days of Easter 2014. Secondary trials will be the other NOL races (Brisbane, Beechworth, Lithgow). Kilometre rates will be used to compare juniors and seniors where they are not on the same course.

Nominations and team announcements

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection in any of the above teams are required to submit a nomination form by email to both the Manager, High Performance (Kay [Haarsma: kayhaarsma@hotmail.com](mailto:kayhaarsma@hotmail.com)) and WOC Head Coach (Tom Quayle tomquayle@hotmail.com) **by 8am Saturday February 22nd 2014 (i.e. before the start of the first trial).**

All athletes shall have submitted an athlete profile/proforma to the OA Operations Manager, High Performance (nickdent7@gmail.com), prior to nominating.

Enquiries

Enquiries about the nomination process are to be directed initially to Wendy Read, WOC Assistant Coach/Manager: wread2@eq.edu.au

Jenny Casanova
Outgoing Chair of Selectors
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