**Orienteering Australia**

**Selection Criteria – World Cup Tasmania 2015**

(To be read in conjunction with Section 5.1 Australian Teams- OA Operational Manual).

**Program**

Friday 2nd Jan: Sprint Prologue, Cataract Gorge, Launceston

Saturday 3rd Jan: Sprint, University of Tasmania, Launceston

Thursday 8th Jan: Middle Distance, Coles Bay, East Coast

Saturday 10th Jan: Long Distance, Transit Flats, St Helens

**Selection Panel**: Susanne Casanova - Chair of Selectors

Tom Quayle – WOC Coach

Wendy Read- WOC Coach

Nick Dent- OA Head Coach

**Eligibility**

All athletes **must** be members of Orienteering Australia. All athletes **need** to be a member of one of the HP Squads operated by Orienteering Australia (Elite HP Squad, HP Squad, National Development Squad, and Junior Development Squad). Athletes are reminded that application for squad membership is open throughout the year and squad applications are available through Nick Dent, Head Coach.

**Selection Process**

Generally, selection will be based on consideration of the athlete’s

1. **Commitment** to improving their physical, technical and mental skills.
2. **Participation** in State, National and International orienteering events (both in Australia and overseas).
3. **Performances** achieved in these State, National and International events of various discipline, measured by overall result, percentage behind the winner, km rate etc;

in the time period up to the selection date -**25th October 2014.**

**Specific Selection Criteria in order of importance**

1. **Participation and performance** in Australian Sprint Championships (29th Sept: WA), Australian Middle Distance Championships (28th Sept: WA), Australian Long Distance Championships (4th Sept: WA), Australian Relay Championships (5th Sept: WA).
2. **International events** held from July to October 25th including WOC, WUOC, JWOC and World Cup (Switzerland).
3. **National events** both in **Australia** and **Overseas** such as NOL Ultra Long, Victorian Middle Distance Championships, Oringen, 25manna middle distance (25mannakorten) and other overseas national and district championships.
4. **State championships** held in Australia between July and October 25th such as WA Long Distance Championships, Queensland Long Distance Championships, SA Long and Middle Distance Championships, Tasmanian Long and Sprint Distance Championships, NSW Middle Distance Championships, ACT Long Distance Championships

**Team Composition**

The team chosen to represent Australia will comprise athletes of a “***suitable standard”*** up to the number of places allowed under IOF Competition rules for that event (current indications are that this maximum will be 10 women and 10 men in each event).

Athletes can be selected for a specific discipline within the team where results are significantly superior to support selection for that discipline.

**Selection Procedure**

1. Athletes complete a **World Cup Nomination Form** (online) and submit online to the **OA Head Coach** (Nick Dent) by **August 31st 2014.**
2. Chair of Selectors will announce the team **before 25th October 2014**.