

GBR Season Selection Policy 2008 (seniors)

The policy aims to support the international development of i) athletes who show the most likelihood of placing in the top ten at the World Championships in the current season, and ii) athletes who show strong indications of potential to do so in future seasons.

1. General

All teams will be selected and entered by the British Orienteering except the World University Championships where teams are entered by BUSA. Entry fees will be paid. Some selections may be made on a self-funding basis, however all selection to the World Championships and the European Championships will be on a fully-funded basis. The World University Championships has a £345 personal contribution which is normally reclaimable from the athlete's University Union.

In all cases the criteria for selection will follow the general selection policy (i.e. the primary areas for consideration will be international performance record, demonstrated potential for high performance, and current form).

For each individual competition or camp, the main races to be used as an indicator of current form are listed below.

In addition, where any other criteria are being treated as particularly important for a particular competition or camp, this information is given below.

We do not guarantee to select a full team for any competition. In particular it is unlikely that full teams will be selected for all World Cup races.

2. Athlete availability

All GB squad athletes will be assumed to be available for all competitions and camps unless they have indicated in writing otherwise.

All other athletes will only be assumed to be available for selection if they have indicated their availability in writing.

All written communication about availability should be sent to International Performance Director, Derek Allison (Derek@britishorienteering.org.uk).

3. Competitions and training camps

3.1 World Championships, Czech Republic (11-20 July);

Up to 7 men and 7 women will be selected.

The main indicators of current form will be the Special WOC Selection races in the West Midlands (a sprint, middle and long over the weekend 6th-8th June).

Form during the selection races may be used to select any athlete for any discipline. It is hoped that this will encourage all athletes to run all disciplines.

Results at the end of selection races will be used. Split times during the races may be used in allocating disciplines.

Some athletes may be pre-selected. If so, such pre-selection may be subject to demonstrating fitness levels.

3.2 European Championships, Latvia (24 May – 1 June); pre-EOC training camp, Latvia (2-5 May)

The main indicators of current form will be the Sprint, Middle and Long at the JK in the South East on 21st-23rd March, and the British Elite Championships in Morayshire on 19th April.

The main indicator of fitness level will be the Trail Race in Morayshire on 21st April. Athletes are reminded that fitness level is used as one of the secondary criteria within the overall selection policy.

Some athletes may be pre-selected. If so, such pre-selection will be subject to fitness.

There may be fewer athletes selected to attend the pre-EOC camp than are selected for EOC itself.

3.3 Other World Cup Races

3.3.1 Norway O-Festivalen, World Cup middle and long (20-21 June)

The main indicators of current form will be the Sprint, Middle and Long at the JK in the South East on 21st-23rd March, and the British Elite Championships in Morayshire on 19th April.

3.3.2 Sweden O-Ringen, World Cup sprint, middle and long (22-24 July)

The main indicators of current form will be the Special WOC Selection races in the West Midlands (a sprint, middle and long over the weekend 6th-8th June).

3.3.3 Switzerland, World Cup middle and sprint (4-5 October)

Athletes with high scores from previous rounds will be selected if they declare themselves available.

3.4 World University Championships, Estonia (29 July – 2 August)

The main indicators of current form will be the Special WOC Selection races in the West Midlands (a sprint, middle and long over the weekend 6th-8th June).

Some athletes may be pre-selected. If so, such pre-selection will be subject to fitness.

Athletes with a strong international performance record may be considered for pre-selection based on early season form. Races used for this purpose will be the BUSA Championships near Sheffield on 8th March; the Sprint, Middle and Long at the JK in the South East on 21st-23rd March; and the British Elite Championships in Morayshire on 19th April. Any such pre-selections will be

announced after the British Championships. Any remaining athletes will be selected after the WOC Selection Races.

3.5 Other training camps

3.5.1 pre-WOC 2009 camp, Hungary (9-14 September)

Selection for this camp will be based on international performance record and demonstrated potential for high performance, rather than any specific current form races.

4 Announcement of selections

Selections will be announced via publication on the British Orienteering website, www.britishorienteering.org.

Selections are currently planned for announcement on the following dates:

Tuesday 22nd April 2008

Pre-EOC 2008 camp, Latvia

European Championships, Latvia

Norway O-Festivalen World Cup races

Any pre-selections for World University Championships

Monday 9th June 2008

World Championships, Czech Republic

Sweden O-Ringen World Cup

World University Championships, Estonia

Monday 11th August 2008

Switzerland World Cup races

Pre-WOC 2009 camp, Hungary