

2014 British Orienteering TrailO selection procedure

Introduction

This document details the 2014 British Orienteering TrailO selection procedure.

2014 events for which competitors to represent British Orienteering are being selected

The events for which competitors to represent British Orienteering are being selected are the European TrailO Championships (ETOC) in Palmela (Portugal) from 11-16 April 2014 and the World TrailO Championships (WTOC 2014) in Trentino-Veneto (Italy) from 5-13 July 2014.

Number of competitors

Up to 6 competitors (3 in the Paralympic class and 3 in the Open Class) will be selected for each event. However, in view of the anticipated personal financial contribution likely to be required, the limited number of eligible participants who satisfy the IOF Paralympic criteria, or other reasons, the selectors reserve the right to select fewer competitors than provided for below, if to do so, they would need to select competitors who in the selectors' sole judgement would be of a standard considerably lower than normal.

National teams for ETOC may be up to 6 competitors per class, and up to 8 in the Tempo competition. In addition to the team selected for ETOC, the selectors may select a further three competitors for the team on the understanding that there may be no or very little official funding for them. The selection criteria for these three competitors are the same as for the third member of the WTOC/ETOC team.

Timing of selection announcement

The names of the competitors selected will be announced by the end of November 2013 for both ETOC2014 and WTOC 2014

Selectors

The appointed selectors are Anne Braggins and Dick Keighley.

Criteria for selection

To be eligible for selection, potential competitors must:

- a. be a member of British Orienteering
- b. have full passport-holding British citizenship
- c. be free from any doping ban
- d. (for Paralympic selection) meet the relevant IOF Paralympic qualification criteria.

(<http://orienteering.org/trail-orienteering/eligibility-for-paralympic-class/>)

Selection process to be followed

The selectors will follow the following process:

The British Orienteering Trail-O ranking list as of 1st November 2013 will be used to determine the first two selected competitors in each class (Paralympic and Open).

Unless there are a significant number of potential competitors who decline selection, the selectors will select the two top-ranked Paralympic eligible competitors for the Paralympic class team, and then the two top-ranked remaining competitors for the Open class team.

The third competitor in each class will be selected using the selectors' judgement, taking account of the ranking list and the results included within it, other known results (eg at previous WTOCs or ETOCs), the terrain and course lengths anticipated, and possibly other factors as seen fit by the selectors. If someone is selected who is not the obvious next eligible ranked competitor, the selectors will record their reasons for doing so in the confidential minutes of their discussions.

Teams

The GBR entrants to the TempO competition associated with the WTOC 2014 will be selected by the selectors from amongst those selected for the WTOC 2014.

The GBR team of three (according to the WTOC rule) for day 2 of the WTOC 2014 competition will be selected by the Team Manager after day 1 of the competition from those selected to attend WTOC 2014.

Any team or teams for ETOC 2014 will be selected by the appointed Team Manager at the event after day 1 of the competition.

Appeals

Appeals about the selections may be made by any member of British Orienteering using the standard British Orienteering appeal procedure.

Adopted by the Trail-O Committee and approved by the Board in November 2013