

Trail Orienteering Teams Selection 2025



1. Introduction

- 1.1. The British Orienteering policies governing selection of teams to compete at all IOF Trail Orienteering (TrailO) competitions are set out in this document.
- 1.2. Selections will be made in accordance with the overall aim to maximise the opportunity to win medals at World Trail Orienteering Championships, and to create sustainable success by using these and other recognised competitions to develop and prepare athletes to be potential individual medallists at the next three TrailO World Championships or European Championships.
- 1.3. Athletes who wish to be considered for selection for competitions must express interest to the Chair of Selectors in accordance with the Selection Process set out below in Sections 2 to 13.
- 1.4. Athletes who are of any age class, including Juniors, may apply for selection at all events. It should be noted that athletes under 18 *at the time of the event* will need an accompanying adult (such as a parent) in accordance with the British Orienteering safeguarding policy.
- 1.5. The Selection Procedures are set out in Sections 14 and 15.

Selection Process

2. IOF TrailO Competitions in 2025

- 2.1. Disciplines are PreO, TempO and the TrailO Relay. There are no separate classes in TempO. In the PreO & the TrailO Relay there are two classes: Open (O) & Physically Challenged (P) (for athletes who hold the appropriate IOF certification). TrailO is not an age class-based discipline. Competitors of any age (Seniors and Juniors) may be selected for the team on merit.
- 2.2. The IOF TrailO Rules allow additional entries for Junior athletes and for personal places. The selectors may select athletes in these categories who will increase the maximum team entries allowed in TempO and PreO.

World Trail Orienteering Championships (WTOC) 26 to 31 August 2025	Purpose: Win Medals: Measure the level of performance of our athletes against the following aims Target: One Podium, one top 10, two top 20s Classes: Open (O) & Physically Challenged (P) Disciplines PreO, TempO, TrailO Relay Team: no limit Maximum Places per discipline (race):
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	<p>PreO: 4 Open & 4 Physically Challenged</p> <p>TempO: 4 (May be either O or P athletes)</p> <p>TrailO Relay: 1 Open team of 3, 1 Physically Challenged team of 3</p> <p>The selectors may additionally choose to enter additional athletes as set out in the COMPETITION RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION (IOF) TRAIL ORIENTEERING EVENTS (section 6.6 of 2025 rules). For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 juniors (age class 20 or younger) in each of the PreO and TempO classes
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2.3. In view of the anticipated personal financial contribution likely to be required, the limited number of eligible participants who satisfy the IOF Physically Challenged criteria, or other reasons, the selectors reserve the right to select fewer competitors than the maximum provided for in the rules of each event.

2.4. The WTOC 2025 is planned for 26 to 31 August in Hungary and Slovakia and the Bulletins are on the IOF Eventor website.

3. Cancellation and changes

3.1. If any races within the 2025 selection policy are impacted (via cancellation, postponement, rescheduling, or athlete travel restrictions), an update to this 2025 TrailO Selection Policy will be issued to confirm alternative arrangements, as soon as feasible.

4. Force Majeure

4.1. British Orienteering reserves the right to withdraw the team or change the selection policy in response to abnormal situations beyond the control of the sport, including but not limited to a pandemic, terrorist threat or environmental disaster.

5. Selection Criteria

Introduction

The aim of TrailO Selection is set down in Clause 1.2, and the Purpose of selection in respect of the 2025 WTOC is stated in Section 2.

Athletes seeking selection should be aware that TrailO events in the UK offer very limited opportunity to experience the standard of competition encountered at a WTOC or ETOC. The biggest difference in other countries, compared to the UK, is in the quality of terrain available, especially that chosen for international competition. This often has, for instance, much more rock and subtler contour detail, together with other special features, than is

found to any extent in the UK. Furthermore, the intensity found in an international competition is significantly higher than in UK events.

All athletes seeking selection are therefore strongly encouraged to gain experience of competing in TrailO in other countries prior to the selections being made, in addition to taking in all possible competition opportunities in the UK. Anyone can enter World Ranking and ECTO events, where there are several fixtures in the early part of 2025; they are listed in the TrailO Calendar on the BO TrailO website, and in IOF Eventor where there are links to the latest bulletins.

Additionally, the TrailO fixture lists of Scandinavian and several other European countries include good-quality events, some being multi-day with both TempO and PreO.

Selection detail

5.1. The Selectors will take account of the standards candidates have achieved in international and domestic competition and the experience gained, particularly in 2025 and 2024 but also 2023. Outstanding results in earlier years may also be taken into account.

Evidence of performance at the events listed below will be taken into consideration, and athletes should submit relevant details including the race disciplines, personal results, the terrain and the nature of the courses at the events, along with their request to be considered for selection.

Outside the UK:

- European TrailO Championships 2024 and World TrailO Championships 2023
- World Ranking and ECTO events in 2024, and in 2025 prior to the selection date
- Other international and foreign-country TrailO events in 2024 and early 2025

In the UK:

- British TrailO Championships 2024 and 2023
- Other BriTOL events in the UK in 2024, and up to the selection date (e.g. JK 2025)

Any results of special note from previous years.

The athlete's position in the IOF TrailO World Rankings (if any) and in the 2024 BriTOL ranking list should also be given.

Performance in virtual or online TempO events (e.g. TORUS) may also be considered by the Selectors, alongside performance in real events.

5.2. If specially-relevant additional events are announced to take place before selections are made, the TrailO Selection Policy may be revised to include these in the performance list provided, in the Selectors' sole opinion, there is sufficient time for athletes to enter them.

5.3. The events are listed, within the two location categories above, in decreasing order of status, but selectors will consider collective results (e.g. as shown by the athlete's position on the IOF World Ranking List and BriTOL standings) as well as single-event achievements. Additionally, the results achieved in relevant terrain and the amount of experience of the terrain in the event being selected for, and relative performance in PreO and TempO, will be considered in deciding on the selections. Other relevant factors may also be considered. The status of an event is an important factor, but by far not the only one.

5.4. Athletes should send updates to the chair of the selectors from time to time (and especially when an athlete has completed their set of participations in all relevant events prior to the selection decision) on all competitions entered/results achieved or if they wish to modify or withdraw their availability, depending on circumstances at the time. It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform selectors of any results or mitigating factors. It is not the role of the Selectors to construct cases to support individual athletes and therefore no assumptions should be made regarding the Selectors' knowledge of any mitigating factors.

5.5. The selection criteria apply equally to Juniors being considered for selection under the IOF Junior places dispensation rule, but it is understood that Junior candidates for selection are likely to have relatively limited experience, and especially in relevant terrain.

5.6. Those involved in selecting will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions. In situations where all relevant factors have been considered and it remains difficult to split athletes, then athlete World Ranking scores from previous years will also be considered.

5.7. Selectors will also take note of Adherence to the Code of Conduct and any outstanding disciplinary matters. The Selectors may choose to not select an individual who in their opinion would jeopardise the efficient, safe and orderly management of the group and or individual during the trip.

6. Eligibility

6.1. To be eligible to be selected for the team to participate in a competition, each athlete will need to meet the eligibility requirements specified which include:

- Hold a valid British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain in accordance with the rules of the International Orienteering Federation.
- Hold a valid and current membership of British Orienteering.

- For Physically Challenged selection, hold a current IOF eligibility certificate. Competitors for the P class who do not yet hold an IOF P-class certificate must submit their completed application to the IOF Office, at least three months before the 26 August 2025. For details see the IOF web site <https://orienteering.sport/iof/for-athletes/eligibility-for-paralympic-class-in-trail/>.
- Meet and have documented evidence that they meet the medical and/or other criteria applicable to their category of competition.
- Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.
- To attend and complete anti-doping and IOF Fair Play education programmes
- Where required by the rules, hold an IOF Athletes License.

7. Anti-Doping

- 7.1. All British Orienteering athletes must comply with the UK Anti-Doping Rules as published by UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) (or its successor) www.ukad.org.uk/anti-doping-rules. Athletes must read and comply with the WADA list of prohibited medication and look up medication used on GlobalDRO. <http://www.globaldro.com/Home>
- 7.2. For the World TrailO Championships or any IOF major event, those taking part are considered international athletes and will be subject to the IOF anti-doping rules. Athletes should see <https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/> for guidance and further information.

8. Responsibility for Selection

- 8.1. The Selection Panel for 2025 is as follows:

Chair of Selectors:	Neil Cameron	nm.cameron@btinternet.com
Selection Advisers	Clive Allen	j.clive.allen@gmail.com
	Wilbert Hollinger	wrhyah@gmail.com

- 8.2. Selectors should be contacted by email. If this is not possible then mail can be sent care of the British Orienteering National Office.

9. Selection Timeline

- 9.1. Dates:
 - Athletes should inform the Chair of Selectors as early as possible of their interest in selection. The final date for expressions of interest and updates on results is 21 May 2025 if they wish to be considered for selection for events in 2025. Only athletes expressing interest by this deadline will be considered for events in 2025.

- Selection for WTOC 2025 26 to 31 August 2025 will be made by 6 June 2025 at the latest.
- 9.2. Athletes selected for the WTOC 2025 will be contacted by email and this email will set a deadline for athletes' acceptance. Please confirm your place on the team by responding to this email promptly. The Team Selection will be published on the British Orienteering website as soon as possible after this date. This notice of selection is not a guarantee that the event will take place, nor that British Orienteering will send a team.
- 9.3. In the event that the events are postponed to another date in 2025, the selectors may at their discretion change the team size, composition and selections for the revised date of that competition.

10. Clarification and Appeals Procedure

- 10.1. If clarification of any specific selection issue is required, please contact the Chair of Selectors, Neil Cameron at nm.cameron@btinternet.com.
- 10.2. British Orienteering operates a formal International Selection Appeal Process for challenging selection decisions. This can be found on the British Orienteering web site (<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/doc/selection-documents/selection-appeals-procedure>) or is available on request from the British Orienteering National Office. To challenge a selection decision pursuant to this selection procedure, an athlete must follow the International Selection Appeal Process.

11. Testing & De-selection

- 11.1. Selected athletes may be required to undergo physiological and/or medical assessment. This will be to monitor development and confirm fitness following injury, illness, any other period where the athlete has been prevented from training and/or competing normally, or a period of marked under-performance.
- 11.2. British Orienteering reserves the right to require a medical examination by British Orienteering's medical officer.
- 11.3. British Orienteering reserves the right to de-select any athlete who does not fulfil the necessary fitness, medical or performance standards, or who does not meet the standards of behaviour expected.

12. Competition costs

- 12.1. Athletes selected will be provided with travel and medical insurance by British Orienteering. More details about insurance provided will be in the Selection notification. Insurance will be provided for other members of the team who are not competing including essential travelling escorts.
- 12.2. The trip arrangements and costs are the responsibility of the individual athlete. Please consider Section 3 and 4 of this document before committing to any expenditure that may

not be recoverable in the event of British Orienteering not confirming that a team should be sent.

- 12.3. British Orienteering may at its discretion make a contribution towards fees for accreditation, entries and the athlete's license. The details of this contribution will be in the Selection notification.
- 12.4. Athletes who wish to clarify the practical arrangements not related to selection, or to discuss the likely costs of competing, should contact the Team Manager, Elizabeth Urquhart (lizu@blueyonder.co.uk)
- 12.5. Note that the costs of a travelling escort will be the responsibility of the individual athlete where these are required by:
 - some physically challenged competitors and
 - anyone under 18 at the time of the competition and so subject to the British Orienteering O-Safe Policy

13. Selection Registration for TrailO IOF Events 2025

- 13.1. Please review Section 6 of this document to ensure that you are eligible to enter and compete in the events.
- 13.2. To register for selection, athletes should express their interest in being selected as early as possible by sending information supporting their selection based on the Selection Criteria (see Section 5) together with all the information required in the following form to the Chair of Selectors. Athletes may submit further information, such as results in 2025, until the submission deadline. All expressions of interest and other supporting information must be sent to the Chair of Selectors before the submission deadline set out in the time line (Section 9). Athletes may choose whether to provide this information by completing and submitting this form or else as text within their submission, but all the information required on the form must be provided. Please note this is your selection registration for 2025 only, and covers events run during 2025.

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Personal Details:			
Title:		Surname:	
Forename(s):			
Email Address:			
Day Tel:		Eve Tel:	
Mobile:			
Availability			
I meet the qualification criteria for selection for GBR in TrailO		Yes/No	
I am eligible for the Physically Challenged class and have or will obtain the necessary IOF certificate		Yes/No	
My age class is (Junior is age classes 20 or lower)		Senior/Junior	
Date of birth if Junior (age classes 20 or lower)			
I am available for selection for WTOC 2025		Yes/No	
I may be available for selection for this competition on other dates in 2025, should it be postponed		Yes/No	
I have read and understood Sections 3 and 4		Yes/No	
I hold a EHIC or GHIC card that will be current at the events		Yes/No	

- 13.3. Data gathered in the course of selection will be used for international competition registration, team selection and management and arranging insurance. All data gathered will be used in accordance with the British Orienteering Privacy Statement which can be found here:
https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance_policies_privacy.pdf.

Selection Procedures

14. Athletes' Procedures

- 14.1. In declaring their availability for selection for events in 2025, athletes are asked to give details of other competitions, courses and activities connected with TrailO that they consider relevant and would like to see considered by the Selectors, together with their training and competition plans for 2025. Examples of relevant activities are listed in Section 5.
- 14.2. IOF international TrailO disciplines are PreO, TempO, and TrailO Relay. Athletes will be selected to compete in specific disciplines in competitions and should not expect to be selected to compete in all disciplines.
- 14.3. Selections for all competitions will be open to any athlete who has declared their availability for selection by the deadline and using the procedure stated in Section 9.1 and meets the selection criteria.
- 14.4. Prior to the competition the Selectors will advise the Team Manager of their preferences for the TrailO Relay teams. Athletes for relay teams will be selected from the pool of athletes selected for the PreO and TempO competitions during the competition by the Team Manager or their nominee, bearing in mind the selectors' preferences and any recent form available. Selection for the TrailO Relay teams is entirely discretionary by the Team Manager and as such is not subject to the appeals provisions.
- 14.5. The Team Manager is responsible for making entries via IOF Eventor, and ensuring relevant entry fees and payments are made. The Team Manager must sanction any Complaint or Protest related to competition procedures or results at the event.
- 14.6. If for any reason including illness, disciplinary sanctions or availability an Athlete is unable to compete in or is withdrawn from any event they were selected for, the Team Manager may select an alternative team member where the competition rules allow this. At a competition, the Team Manager has sole discretion for selection and may, in the best interests of the athletes or for disciplinary reasons, withdraw athletes from disciplines or races prior to or during an event and as such is not subject to the appeals provisions.
- 14.7. Selected athletes must comply with the IOF Trail Orienteering Rules applying to the competition, and with the British Orienteering Code of Conduct for international teams.

15. Selection Panel Procedure

- 15.1. All selections will be made by the designated Selection Panel. The Selection Panel will consist of 3 members - a Chair, and two Selection Advisors. Additional expert guidance may be sought from specific coaches or technical experts if the panel thinks it is appropriate.
- 15.2. Any person involved in providing advice or guidance during the selection process must declare any conflict of interest.
- 15.3. For a Selection Meeting to be valid, the people attending must be able to communicate orally with each other. This means that they can be held by video/Skype/Zoom/telephone or similar. This does not preclude the use of email for clarification/updates.
- 15.4. The Selection Panel will take full account of the selection criteria published annually.