

# Foot Orienteering Senior Competitions Selection 2022



This document should be read in conjunction with the document titled 'Selection Overview 2022'.

The aim of the Senior Selection process is three-fold:

- most importantly, to select 'exceptional' athletes and create the best opportunity for them to perform well at the World Orienteering Championships (WOC).
- to best prepare athletes considered to be potential relay or individual medallists at the next three WOCs
- to provide appropriate opportunity for all eligible athletes to make a case for selection to the relevant international competitions

Whilst it is desirable to take a full team, the selectors may not select for all positions, at a specific competition, if they feel that the standard of an athlete will not contribute towards the overall aims and objectives of the programme.

## 2022 focus

The focus for the 2022 programme will be to support and prepare our top athletes to deliver medals and top 10 positions at WOC 2022 and EOC 2022, and develop athletes towards medals at WOC 2023 & 2024.

## Selection Timeline

The schedule for senior selection in 2022 will be: *(exact dates of meetings to be confirmed)*

### Selection 1: w/c 18 April 2022 (post JK)

Selection for World Cup 1, Sweden (25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022)

Selection for World University Championships, Switzerland (16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022)

*(note: WUOC selection policy to be ratified and formally issued by BUCS)*

### Selection 2: w/c 30 May 2022 (post World Cup 1)

Selection Sprint WOC, Denmark (26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022)

Selection for World Games, USA (15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>rd</sup> July 2022)

### Selection 3: July 2022 (post forest test races)

Selection for Forest EOC/World Cup 2, Estonia (3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022)

Selection for World Cup 3, Switzerland (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021)

## COVID-19

If any races within the 2022 selection policy are impacted (via cancellation/postponement/re-scheduling, or athlete travel restrictions), a further update to this 2022 Senior Selection Policy will be issued to confirm alternative arrangements, as soon as feasible.

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## Selection Criteria

Performance and performance data (split times etc) from the races listed below will be taken into account when athletes are considered for selection. Sprint performances will only be considered in Sprint selection and Forest performances will only be considered in Forest selection.

The named races below will be the primary indicators of form at each stage (open races in **bold**).

## Races considered at Selection 1

Sprint Races	Forest Races
2021 EOC/WC1 Sprint & KO Sprint, Switzerland (May)	2021 WOC Middle, Long & Forest Relay (July)
2021 WOC Sprint & MSR, Czech Republic (July)	2021 WC2 Middle, Long & Forest Relay (August)
2021 WC3 MSR, Italy (October)	2021 Eurometing Middle, Long (September)
<b>2022 Sprint &amp; KO Sprint, Sprint Scotland (19/20 March)</b>	2021 WC3 Middle & Long (September/October)
<b>2022 JK Sprint, Wales (15 April)</b>	<b>2022 BUCS Individual (26 February) *</b>
	<b>2022 JK Middle &amp; Long, Wales (16 &amp; 17 April)</b>

\*Athletes not eligible for BUCS are normally able to run as a guest, if they wish. Any athlete in this category who is seeking selection for the World University Championships at Selection 1 should contact the selectors as soon as possible, if there is any problem in securing an entry to the BUCS individual race.

## Races considered at Selection 2

Sprint Races	Forest Races
2021 EOC/WC1 Sprint & KO Sprint, Switzerland (May)	2021 WOC Middle, Long & Forest Relay (July)
2021 WOC Sprint & MSR, Czech Republic (July)	2021 WC2 Middle, Long & Forest Relay (August)
2021 WC3 MSR, Italy (October)	2021 Eurometing Middle, Long (September)
<b>2022 Sprint &amp; KO Sprint, Sprint Scotland (19/20 March)</b>	2021 WC3 Middle & Long (September/October)
<b>2022 JK Sprint, Wales (15 April)</b>	<b>2022 JK Middle &amp; Long, Wales (16 &amp; 17 April)</b>
2022 WC1 Sprint, KO Sprint & MSR, Sweden (25-29 May)	

Where the selectors are finding it difficult to separate athletes in selection for the World Championships, they may choose to give greater weight to the most recent and relevant performances. For sprint selection this will be considered to be World Cup 1 performances.

For the World Games, a single team is selected to compete in all of Sprint, Middle, and Mixed Sprint Relay. Where the selectors are finding it difficult to separate athletes in selection for the World Games, greater weight will be given to sprint performances than to forest performances.

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## Races considered at Selection 3

Sprint Races	Forest Races
No sprint race selection required at Selection 3	2021 WOC Middle, Long & Forest Relay (July)
	2021 WC2 Middle, Long & Forest Relay (August)
	2021 Eurometing Middle, Long (September)
	2021 WC3 Middle & Long (September/October)
	<b>2022 JK Middle &amp; Long, Wales (16 &amp; 17 April)</b>
	<b>2022 Domestic Test Races Middle &amp; Long, venue tbc (provisional date 9 &amp; 10 July)</b>
	2022 JWOC Middle, Long & Forest Relay (July 11-16)
	2022 World Games Middle, USA (July 15-17)

## Information considered at all selections

Performances in the nominated selection races, named above, before selection will be given priority for assessing current form in all selection decisions. Open entry races are highlighted in **bold**.

In addition, the following may be taken into consideration:

- An athlete that has clearly demonstrated the potential to podium at the next three WOCs
- Development opportunities for athletes who are potentially top 10 athletes in future WOCs and who will benefit from the experience
- Experience from previous international relay competition
- Evidence that athletes have shown progression over the last two years
- Adherence to the Code of Conduct and any outstanding disciplinary matters
- Demonstration of behaviour that indicates a commitment to a positive team environment.

In all cases the selectors are able to consider (and may require) additional evidence of athlete fitness. In particular, where 2021 performances play a role in selection, athletes may be asked to demonstrate that their physical fitness is at a similar level to their fitness at that time.

The criteria above are not listed in any order of priority and those involved in selecting will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions. In situations where all these factors have been considered and it remains difficult to split athletes, then athlete World Ranking scores and/or outstanding performance in international races from the previous international competition year (i.e. 2019 in this case) may also be considered. Doing so may include consideration of the likelihood of beneficial impact for future competitions as a result of giving any specific athlete an opportunity to improve their World Ranking scores and position. Athletes wishing to be selected must have competed in at least one (forest/sprint as appropriate) named race to be considered.

## Responsibility for Senior Selection

Senior Selection is the responsibility of the Senior Selection Panel, which will be comprised of:

- Chair of Selectors: Jon Cross
- Performance Programme Director: TBC
- Selection Advisers: Liz Campbell and Helen Hargreaves (to be confirmed for 2022)
- ~~Scrutineer: Bob Dredge, Chair of Talent & Performance Steering Group~~

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See Selection Panel document on the British Orienteering website for more information. Additional expert guidance may be sought from specific coaches, technical experts or programme medics if appropriate. Athletes wishing to communicate with the Selection Panel should do so via the Athlete Manager (if the Athlete Manager is unavailable or the post is vacant, they should instead contact the Chair of Selectors directly).

For further information on the selection process, principles and the appeal process, see the following documents available on the British Orienteering website:

- [Selection Overview 2022](#): A more detailed summary of the competitions and their context within the T&P programme
- [Selection Panel](#): A document outlining the positions within the panel and their specific roles