

Senior Selection 2018

This document should be read in conjunction with the document titled 'Selection Overview 2018'.

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 next WOC
- to create developmental opportunities for athletes considered to be potential relay or individual medallists in future WOCs
- to provide an opportunity for other eligible athletes to claim places in the team

Selection Timeline

The schedule for senior selection in 2017/2018 will be: *(dates of meetings to be confirmed)*

Squad Selection: **October 2017**

Selection 1: **December 2017**

Selection of athletes who are considered to be certainties for the team at the European Orienteering Championships (EOC) in Switzerland (5th – 13th May)

Selection 2: **Post JK. April 2018**

Final selection made for the European Orienteering Championships in Switzerland.

Selection 3: **Post British Long-Distance Championships (19th May)**

Selection made for WOC in Latvia (4th – 11th August), World Cup 3 Norway (31st August – 2nd September) and World Cup 4, Czech Republic (5th October – 7th October)

Selection for World University Orienteering Championships (WUOC) (Finland 17th -21st July)

Selection for Euromeeeting (if appropriate)

Teams will be updated to account for availability Post JWOC and again Post WOC

2018 focus

The focus for the 2018 programme will be to support our top athletes to deliver podiums and medals at WOC and EOC in the next 1-3 years.

WOC Targets

One medal, One Podium, Two top 10s, Four top 20s.

Selection Criteria

The following will be taken into account when athletes are considered for selection:

Performance and performance data from

- WOC 2016/2017/2018; EOC 2016/2018; World Cups 2016/2017/2018; World Games 2017; JWOC 2016/2017/2018; WUOC 2016/2018; Euromeeeting 2017; Estonia test races 2017; JK 2018; British Long Championships 2018.
Additionally, BUCS 2018 will be considered for WUOC 2018.

In addition, the following may be taken into consideration:

- Race disciplines, terrain and nature of the courses;
- Development opportunities for athletes who are potentially top 20 athletes in future WOCs and who will benefit from the experience.

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- Documented evidence that athletes are committed to their own development and have shown progression over the last two years
- Opportunities that athletes may have had and the fatigue they may have experienced across the programme as a whole;
- Adherence to the Code of Conduct and any outstanding disciplinary matters.

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 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.

Note 1 – EOC2018: Athletes placing in the top twenty at WOC2017 or World Cup races in 2017 will be strongly considered for selection to the team for the 2018 European Orienteering Championships at the “Selection 1” stage in December 2017. Other athletes will be considered based upon the criteria above. However, it is likely that not all the spaces will be filled for any one discipline of the European Orienteering Championships at the “Selection 1” stage, to ensure opportunities remain for athletes to make a case for selection via JK2018 performances.

Note 2: WOC2018: Athletes aiming for selection to compete at the 2018 World Orienteering Championships will be required to show current form in at least one of JK 2018 and the European Orienteering Championships 2018. If an athlete is not selected to the European Championships 2018 team and has a valid reason for not racing at the JK they should write to the Selector or Head Coach for Performance explaining the reason for their absence so that they may still be considered for selection.

Responsibility for Senior Selection

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

- Chair of Selectors: Craig Anthony
- Selection Advisors: Duncan Archer & Jon Cross
- Squad Manager: Ed Nicholas
- Scrutineer: Bo Dredge, Chair of Talent & Performance Steering Group

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.