

Junior Selection 2018

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

The aim of the Selection process used to select the Talent Squad, invitees to training camps and teams for junior competitions is two-fold:

- to underpin the developmental pathway for athletes who have shown, or may develop, the potential to become top 20 placed competitors in future JWOCs
- to identify exceptional, young athletes who will benefit and learn from being a part of the talent programme, and from preparing for, and competing in, the various international junior competitions

Selection Timeline

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

Selection Races: JK (30th March – 1st April: Sprint; Middle; Long), LOC Level B weekend (14th April: Middle) & Northern Championships (21st – 22nd April: Long & special Sprint courses for 16/18/20) are the six selection race opportunities for juniors and athletes are expected to compete at all of them

Selection 1: **Post Northern Championships (22nd April)**

Selection for EYOC (28th June – 1st July), JWOC (7th – 15th July) and the preliminary team for JEC (12th – 14th October).

Selection 2: **Post JWOC**

To review and confirm the team selected for JEC; any changes to the preliminary selection will be done in discussion with an affected athlete; also used to select the Talent squad for 2018.

JWOC Targets

4-5 Top 20 positions.

Selection Criteria

Junior athletes are given the opportunity to show form over two (2) nominated races in each discipline in the early competitive season. These are the JK Orienteering Festival, Lakeland Middle race, and the Northern Championships. To determine progress, results from selection races and international competitions will also be analysed from the previous year. If an athlete has a valid reason for not racing in any of the above races, they should write to the Head Coach for Talent, explaining the reason for their absence, so that they may still be considered for selection.

The selectors will also consider:

- Race disciplines, terrain and nature of the courses both within the selection criteria and at the relevant international competitions;
- Exceptional young athletes who will benefit from the experience and are considered prospects at future championships;
- Athletes that can or have demonstrated commitment to their own development;
- The opportunities that athletes may have had and the fatigue they may experience across the programme as a whole;
- The demonstration to performance staff their readiness to compete, including appropriate physical, mental and technical competence;

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- 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.

Responsibility for Junior Selection

Junior Selection is the responsibility of a selection panel, which will be comprised of:

- Chair of Selectors: Craig Anthony
- Selection Advisors: Alice Bedwell & Duncan Archer
- Squad Manager: Paul Murgatroyd
- Scrutineer: Bob 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 the selection committee deem it to be appropriate.

GBR Junior Competition 2018 - A more detailed summary of the competitions is contained within the document 'Selection Overview 2018'.