

## Junior Selection 2016

*This document should be read in conjunction with the document titled 'Selection Overview 2016'.*

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 place competitors in future JWOCs or WOCs
- 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 Championships

### Selection Timeline

The schedule for junior selection in 2016 will be:

- JK 2016 (25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March), Northern Championships (16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April; Middle & special Sprint courses for 18/20; just Long for 16); British Long Championships (30<sup>th</sup> April; Long) are the selection opportunities for juniors and athletes are expected to compete at all of them;
- **Selection 1:** Post British Long Championship (30<sup>th</sup> April); will be used to select the teams for EYOC, JWOC and the preliminary team for JEC. Selections published by 9<sup>th</sup> May
- **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 2017.

### Selection Criteria

Selection for the talent squad, training camps and junior competitions will take full account of the following criteria:

- Performance and performance data cumulatively used from JK 2016 (Sprint, Middle, Long), 2016 Northern Championships (Middle & special Sprint for 18/20, just Long for 16), 2016 British Championships (Long), JWOC 2015/2016, EYOC 2015/2016, JEC 2015
- Race disciplines, terrain and nature of the courses within the selection criteria and at international competition;
- 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;
- To be considered for selection to the relevant international junior competition, athletes will have demonstrated to performance staff their readiness to compete, including appropriate physical, mental and technical competence;
- 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

The Performance Manager will be advised by: Selectors: Alice Bedwell, Duncan Archer and coaching staff Paul Murgatroyd, Mark Nixon. Additional expert guidance may be sought from specific coaches, technical experts or programme medics if the Performance Manager thinks it is appropriate.

### GBR Junior Competition 2016

A more detailed summary of the competitions is contained within the document 'Selection Overview 2016'.

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### *Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC)*

JWOC staged in Engadin, Switzerland 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and is for men and women 20 age class or younger.

### *European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC)*

EYOC staged in Jaroslaw, Poland, 30<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 and is for men and women in the 18 and 16 age classes or younger.

### *Junior European Cup (JEC)*

JEC staged in Scotland 30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 and is for men and women in age classes 20 and 18 or younger.