

Junior Selection 2017

This document should be read in conjunction with the document titled 'Selection Overview 2016/17'.

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
- 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 2016/17 will be:

- Midland Championships (25th/26th March; Middle & special Sprint courses for 16/18/20); JK sprint+middle+long (14th – 16th April), British Long Championships (6th May; Long) are the selection opportunities for juniors and athletes are expected to compete at all of them;
- Selection 1: Post British Long Championship (6th May); will be used to select the teams for EYOC, JWOC and the preliminary team for JEC.
- 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.

Selection Criteria

Junior athletes are given the opportunity to show form over two (2) races in each discipline in the early competitive season. These are the Midlands Middle Championship race plus a special sprint race; the JK Orienteering Festival and the British Long Championships. To determine progress, results from selection races and international competition may be analysed from the previous two years. If an athlete has a valid reason for not racing in any of the above races, they should write to the Selector or 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 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, and Mark Nixon. Additional expert guidance may be sought from specific coaches, technical experts or programme medics if the Performance Manager thinks it is appropriate.

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GBR Junior Competition 2017 A more detailed summary of the competitions is contained within the document 'Selection Overview 2017'.