

## World Cup 2015 Selection Process

The aim of this selection process is two-fold:

- firstly and most importantly to provide the best opportunity for those experienced ‘exceptional’ athletes to prepare for and perform well at the World Orienteering Championships 2015;
- after this, to provide opportunities for other eligible athletes to develop and build their claim for inclusion in the WOC 2015 or future WOC teams.

World Cup 2 in Norway and Sweden is a significant part of the selection process for WOC 2015. Competing in the World Cup will be self-funded by athletes including entry fee, travel, subsistence and accommodation and athletes will be required to stay in team accommodation.

### The Selection Process for World Cups in 2015

The schedule for World Cup selection in 2015 will be:

1. Expressions of interest in competing in WOC 2015 to be sought from orienteers not already in the squads and watch list. This is to ensure we have an accurate understanding of who wishes to put themselves forward for consideration and believe themselves to be in contention.
2. Jackie Newton, Performance Manager, to communicate with all orienteers that have indicated an interest in being selected for WOC 2015 and discuss with them their preferred disciplines.
3. JK 2015 to be used as the final selection opportunity for the World Cup 2 races in Norway and Sweden, criteria below; ‘exceptional’ orienteers will be pre-selected, following JK, for WOC 2015;
4. World Cup 2 to be used to confirm further selections of orienteers who are considered to be inclusions in the WOC 2015 team (fitness and health not withstanding) – note, places remaining in the WOC 2015 team will be filled following World Cup 2 or following the test races.

The criteria to be used for selection are:

Internationally:

- WOC 2013 and WOC 2014 performances (WOC 2015 for World Cup Finals)
- World Cups 2013, 2014 and 2015 performances
- JWOC 2014 and JWOC 2015 performances for those athletes in this age bracket

And domestically:

- JK 2015 performances

Other criteria:

- Race disciplines, terrain and nature of the courses
- Likelihood of selection to WOCs and the disciplines that athletes may compete in at WOCs

### Testing & Substitution

Athletes selected will be required to agree their preparation programme with the Performance Manager or a person nominated by the Performance Manager. This stipulation is not to ‘interfere’ with athletes’ preparation but to ensure athletes are supported in optimising their preparation.

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Selected athletes may be required to undergo physiological and/or medical assessment. This will be to monitor development and confirm fitness following injury, illness, any other period where the athlete has been prevented from training and/or competing normally or a period of marked under-performance.

British Orienteering reserves the right to require a medical examination by British Orienteering's medical officer.

British Orienteering reserves the right to de-select any athlete who does not fulfil the necessary fitness, medical, or performance standards following assessment; or who does not agree and then follow their agreed preparation programme or meet the standards of behaviour expected.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be selected into the World Cup Team, each athlete will:

- Hold a valid British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain in accordance with the rules of the International Orienteering Federation; and
- Hold a valid and current membership of British Orienteering.

### Anti-Doping

All athletes selected for the team must comply with the UK Anti-Doping Rules as published by UK Anti-Doping Limited (or its successor). Note these rules were updated as of 1 January 2015.

[www.ukad.org.uk/documents/uk-anti-doping-rules/](http://www.ukad.org.uk/documents/uk-anti-doping-rules/)

### Clarification and Appeals Procedure

If clarification of any specific selection issue is required, please contact Jackie Newton, the British Orienteering Performance Manager at [jnewton@britishorienteering.org.uk](mailto:jnewton@britishorienteering.org.uk).

British Orienteering operates a formal appeals procedure for challenging selection decisions which can be found at [http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance\\_policies.pdf](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance_policies.pdf), or is available on request from the British Orienteering National Office. The Appeals Procedure must be instigated within 72 hours of any selection announcement being published on the British Orienteering web site.