

British Orienteering Selection Overview - Trail Orienteering Teams

1. Introduction

- 1.1. British Orienteering selects athletes to GBR squads, camps and teams to prepare for and compete at all IOF competitions and a number of other international competitions.

The overall aim of TrailO selection is to maximise the opportunity to win medals at World Trail Orienteering Championships, and to create sustainable success by using these and other recognised competitions to develop and prepare athletes for future international success.

- 1.2. Each competition serves a different purpose to British Orienteering and the selection process and criteria for each is tailored to deliver this purpose.

2. Competitions

- 2.1. Disciplines are PreO, TempO and the TrailO Relay. There are no separate classes in TempO. In the PreO & the Relay there are two classes: Open & Paralympic (for athletes who hold the IOF Paralympic certification).

World TrailO Orienteering Championships (WTOC) Annual	Purpose: Win Medals: measures the level of performance of our athletes and programme; provide development opportunities to selected athletes Target: One Podium, one top 10s, Two top 20s. Classes: Open & Paralympic Disciplines PreO, TempO, TrailO Relay Team: no limit Places per discipline(race): PreO: 3 Open & 3 Paralympic TempO: 4 (May be either Open or Paralympic athletes. Athletes selected for TempO do not necessarily have to be selected for the PreO or Relay teams.) TrailO Relay: 1 Open team of 3, 1 Para Team of 3
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3. Selection

- 3.1. In declaring their availability for selection, athletes will be asked to give details of other competitions, courses and activities connected with TrailO during the past three years or more that they consider relevant and would like to see considered by the Selectors, together with their training and competition plans for 2019.
- 3.2. IOF international TrailO disciplines are PreO, TempO, and TrailO Relay. Athletes will be selected to compete in specific disciplines in competitions and should not expect to be selected to compete in all disciplines.

- 3.3. Information regarding selection including competitions, deadlines for declaring availability and a timeline for selections will be published on the British Orienteering website, early in the year. If you wish to have your name added to the selection information e-mail list or have specific questions regarding the selection policy or process then please contact us at info@britishorienteering.org.uk.
- 3.4. Selections for all competitions will be open to any athlete who has declared their availability for selection and met the selection criteria. Athletes should declare their availability for selection by the stated deadline by emailing the Chair of Selectors by 1st March 2019.
- 3.5. Athletes for relay teams will be selected from the pool of athletes selected for the PreO and TempO competitions, during the competition, by the Team Manager or their nominee.
- 3.6. The Team Manager is responsible for making entries via IOF Eventor, and ensuring relevant entry fees and payments are made, and also they are the sole contact between the team and event officials before and during any competitions. At a competition, the Team Manager has a sole discretion for selection and may, in the best interests of the athletes or for disciplinary reasons, withdraw athletes from disciplines or races prior to or during an event.

4. Responsibility for Selection

- 4.1 All selections will be made by the designated Selection Panel. The Selection Panel will consist of 3 members - a Chair, and two Selection Advisors. Additional expert guidance may be sought from specific coaches or technical experts if the panel thinks it is appropriate.
- 4.2 Any person involved in providing advice or guidance during the selection process must declare any conflict of interest.
- 4.3 For a meeting to be valid, the people attending must be able to hear each other. This means that they can be held by video/skype/telephone (this does not preclude the use of email for clarification/updates).

The Selection Panel will take full account of the selection criteria published annually.

5. Testing & Substitution

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. British Orienteering reserves the right to require a medical examination by British Orienteering's medical officer.
- 5.3. British Orienteering reserves the right to de-select any athlete who does not fulfil the necessary fitness, medical, performance standards; or who does not meet the standards of behaviour expected.

6. Eligibility

- 6.1. To be eligible to be selected into the team to participate in a competition, each athlete will need to meet the eligibility requirements specified which include:
- 6.1.1. Hold a valid British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland in accordance with the rules of the International Orienteering Federation;
 - 6.1.2. Hold a valid and current membership of British Orienteering;
(for Paralympic selection) hold a current IOF eligibility certificate.
(<http://orienteering.org/trail-orienteering/eligibility-for-paralympic-class/>)
 - 6.1.3. Meet and have documented evidence that they meet the medical and/or other criteria applicable to their category of competition.

7. Anti-Doping

- 7.1. All selected athletes must comply with the UK Anti-Doping Rules as published by UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) (or its successor) www.ukad.org.uk/documents/uk-anti-doping-rules
- 7.2. Selected competitors must read and comply with the WADA list of prohibited medication and look up medication used on GlobalDRO.
<http://www.globaldro.com/Home>

8. Clarification and Appeals Procedure

- 8.1. If clarification of any specific selection issue is required, please contact the Chair of Selectors, Julie Webster, julie@juliewebster.co.uk
- 8.2. British Orienteering operates a formal appeals procedure (revised for 2019) for challenging selection decisions which can be found at www.britishorienteering.org.uk/keydocuments, or is available on request from the British Orienteering National Office.
- 8.3. To challenge a selection decision pursuant to this Procedure, an athlete must (i) be directly affected by the nomination/selection decision, (ii) file a 'Notice of Intention to Appeal' within 48 hours of the selection decision being announced and (iii) send a formal written appeal (the **Notice of Appeal**) to the Chair or his/her nominated alternate by email (see contact details at Schedule 1). This must be done by **5pm UK time on the third working day** after the selection decision is announced on British Orienteering's website. If the athlete fails to submit the Notice of Appeal within the time limit set out in this paragraph, s/he will lose his/her right of appeal under this Procedure, save in wholly exceptional circumstances as determined by the Appeal Panel. If the athlete requires more time to file a Notice of Appeal, s/he must apply to the Chair or his/her nominated alternate by email to request an extension, providing reasons for his/her request.

9. Selection Timeline

Athletes should inform the Chair of the Selectors by **1st March 2019** if they wish to be considered for selection for the 2019 season.

Selection for WTOC 2019 in Portugal, 23-29 June, will be made and announced by **1st May 2019**.

9.1. 2019 focus

The focus for the 2019 programme will be to support our top athletes to deliver podiums and medals at WTOC 2019.

10. Selection Criteria

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

Performance and performance data from

- Results from the JK 2019, WTOC 2018, ETOC 2018, ECTO 2018, ECTO 2019 & British Ranking Events, the TrailO Ranking List

In addition, the following may be taken into consideration:

- Race disciplines, terrain and nature of the courses;
- Opportunities that athletes may have had in other competitions.
- Adherence to the Code of Conduct and any outstanding disciplinary matters.
- Athletes who in the opinion of the selectors have the ability to achieve the focus targets for 2019 (One Podium, one top 10s, Two top 20s).
- (The IOF Ranking list, new in 2018, will be more relevant after it has run for longer)

Athletes aiming for selection to compete at the 2019 World Orienteering Championships will be required to show current form in at least one of JK 2019 and the World & European Trail Orienteering Championships 2018. If an athlete was not selected to the European or World Championships 2018 team and has a valid reason for not competing at the JK, they should write to the Chairman of the Selectors explaining the reason for their absence when they declare their availability for selection, so that they may still be considered for selection.

In view of the anticipated personal financial contribution likely to be required, the limited number of eligible participants who satisfy the IOF Paralympic criteria, or other reasons, the selectors reserve the right to select fewer competitors than provided for, if to do so, they would need to select competitors who in the selectors' sole judgement would be of a standard considerably lower than normal.

Note: In the case of Paralympic competitors, a travelling escort may also be required.

11 Responsibility for Selection

The Selection Panel for 2019 is as follows:

Chair of Selectors: Julie Webster julie@juliewebster.co.uk

Selection Advisers *Clive Allen*
 Wilbert Hollinger

Selection Registration for TrailO International Events 2019

Please note this is your selection registration ONLY.

Eligibility for the WTOC 2019 in Portugal

Please review the TrailO Selection Policy to ensure that you are eligible to enter and compete in the WTOC 2019 in Portugal.

Acceptance of places

By 1st May 2019 the Team Selection will be published on the British Orienteering website. Following the release of the selection, athletes will be contacted by email with further information. Please confirm your place on the team by responding to this email promptly.

Competition costs

Athletes selected for TrailO events will be provided with travel and medical insurance.

The trip costs are the responsibility of the individual athlete. Approximate trip costs for the 2019 events:

More details about dates and costs will be found in the Selection letter.

Data Protection

Please note that the data gathered in the course of selection will be used for international competition registration and arranging travel. All data gathered will be used in accordance with our Privacy and Data Protection Statement which can be found here:

https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance_policies_privacy.pdf.

Personal Details:			
Title:		Surname:	
Forename(s):			
Address:			
Town:		Post Code:	
Email Address:			
Day Tel:		Eve Tel:	
Mobile:			

Information Required for Competitions or Camps

Passport Number:			
Name in Passport:			
European Health Insurance Card - Personal Identification Number		EHIC ID Number of Institution	
EHIC ID number of Card			