

TrailO Selection 2018

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

The aim of the Selection process is three-fold:

- most importantly, to select 'exceptional' athletes and create the best opportunity for them to perform well at the next WTOC
- to create developmental opportunities for athletes considered to be potential relay or individual medallists in future WTOCs
- to provide an opportunity for other eligible athletes to claim places in the team

Selection Timeline

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

Selection 1: **January 2018**

Selection of athletes for the team at the European TrailO Orienteering Championships (ETOC) in Slovakia (April 27th – May 2nd)

Selection 2: **Post ETOC (mid May)**

Selection made for WTOC in Latvia (August 4th – August 11th)

2018 focus

The focus for the 2018 programme will be to support our top athletes to deliver podiums and medals at WTOC and ETOC in the next 1-3 years.

WTOC Targets

One Podium, one top 10s, Two top 20s.

Selection Criteria

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

Performance and performance data from

- WTOC 2016/2017; ETOC 2016/2018; JK 2017/2018; British TrailO Championships 2017, ECTO 2017.
- The TrailO Ranking List (see Appendix 1)

In addition, the following may be taken into consideration:

- Race disciplines, terrain and nature of the courses;
- Development opportunities for athletes who are potentially top 20 athletes in future WTOCs and who will benefit from the experience.
- Opportunities that athletes may have had in competition.
- Adherence to the Code of Conduct and any outstanding disciplinary matters.

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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. In situations where all these factors have been considered and it remains difficult to split athletes, doing so may include consideration of the likelihood of beneficial impact for future competitions as a result of giving any specific athlete an opportunity to improve their World Ranking scores and position.

Note 1 ETOC 2018: 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 2: WTOC2018: Athletes aiming for selection to compete at the 2018 World Orienteering Championships will be required to show current form in at least one of JK 2018 and the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2018. If an athlete is not selected to the European Championships 2018 team and has a valid reason for not racing at the JK they should write to the Chairman of the Selectors explaining the reason for their absence 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 3: In the case of Paralympic competitors, a travelling escort may also be required.

Responsibility for Selection

Selection is the responsibility of the Selection Panel, which will be comprised of:

- Chair of Selectors: David Maliphant
- Selection Advisors: Clive Allen & Wilbert Hollinger

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 appropriate.

Appendix 1: TrailO Ranking List

At the TrailO Steering Group meeting in November 2017 it was agreed that PreO UK ranking would continue as at present but using a revised event inclusion rule:

- Events to be included in the ranking will be nominated and published for each year by the Selectors, with no more than 50% being outside the UK.
- Multi day events are counted as separate events for ranking (JK Tempo and JK PreO or ECTO multiple events)
- Only events that had at least 8 UK ranking competitors will be considered to have taken place from a ranking perspective.
- Competitors ranking will be based on their best 4 events out of the last 8 nominated events that took place
- Existing rules to create an allowance for an event where the competitor is prevented from competing by their role in running the event will continue to operate. (see below)
- Rankings should include all BO members and not be limited to those eligible to represent the UK in ETOC or WTOC.

For TempoO, the WRE algorithm may be adopted in future as a possible guide for the Selectors, based on the JK TempoO and international events, but this will not be published as a formal ranking and will form part of the *known form* input to selections for TempoO.

UK TrailO Selectors will in future identify and publish the events to be used in preparation of the UK ranking list, on the principle that the JK and BTOC will be included, and that no more than 50% of the ranking events in any year will be outside the UK (including Ireland). This list is advisory. If a home ranking event is cancelled, a corresponding international race will not be discarded to regain the appropriate ratio.

For overseas events preference will be given to any pre-event for the subsequent year's WTOC, pre-events for the subsequent year's ETOC and then selected from amongst ECTO, Nordic and FinTrailO events, but other factors such as location and cost will be taken into consideration.

Currently a significant number of the Ranking Events are planned by a subset of the contenders for WTOC and ETOC places. In order to encourage people to plan and control Ranking events, planners, organisers and controllers of Ranking events during the qualifying period, who therefore do not have enough qualifying results, will have the ranking points from their lowest results doubled up. Those who have planned/controlled (or otherwise given up on a competitive run to enable an event to take place) are allowed to double up their 3rd score (if best 4 to count).

The TrailO group suggests the following events should be UK ranking events for 2018:

- UK – JK 2018, BTOC 2018, plus any UK Ranking events which are not yet on the fixture list.
- Non-UK: Denmark Nordic event and the Czech Republic ECTO round.
- If a Pre-WTOC2019 event is organised by Portugal in 2018 this could also be considered as a ranking event.