

British Orienteering Selection Overview - Trail Orienteering Teams

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 gain 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.

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

Competitions

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).

<p>World TrailO Orienteering Championships (WTOC) Annual</p>	<p>Purpose: Measures the level of performance of our athletes and programme; provide development opportunities to selected athletes Target: Medals and top 10 places Classes: Open & Paralympic Disciplines PreO, TempO, TrailO Relay Team: no limit Places per discipline(race): PreO: 3 Open & 3 Paralympic TempO: 4 (may be chosen from either class or both) TrailO Relay: 1 Open team of 3, 1 Para Team of 3</p>
<p>European TrailO Orienteering Championships (ETOC) Every two years in even years</p>	<p>Purpose: Establish World Ranking places, competition experience, development & assessment of athletes Target: None Classes: Open & Paralympic Disciplines: PreO, TempO, Relay Places per discipline (race): PreO: Up to 6 Open & 6 Paralympic TempO: 8 (may be chosen from either class or both) TrailO Relay: 2 Open teams of 3: 2 Para Teams of 3</p>

European Cup in TrailO (ECTO) & World Ranking Events

A number of TrailO events throughout Europe are nominated by the IOF TrailO Commission as fixtures for the unofficial European Cup in Trail Orienteering (ECTO). In 2018 there will also be World Ranking Events in TrailO (WRE).

British Orienteering does not select teams for these events but athletes are encouraged to compete in them as individuals if they so wish. One or two ECTO events are usually nominated by the British Orienteering TrailO Development Group and the Selectors as Ranking events for the purposes of the British TrailO Ranking list. (See TrailO Selection 2018 policy, Appendix 1)

Selection

Information regarding selection including competitions, deadlines for declaring availability and a timeline for selections will be published on the British Orienteering web site. If you are not selected but 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.

Selections for all competitions will be open. Athletes should declare their availability for selection by the stated deadline. The reality of course is that to be selected an athlete must have a track record which can be considered.

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. To be selected athletes will have demonstrated proficiency in specific disciplines or will be selected in order to gain experience in a specific discipline. Athlete views on race disciplines appropriate to them should be communicated through the appropriate channels.

Athletes for relay teams will be selected from the pool of athletes selected for the PreO and TempO competitions, during the competition, by a delegated person. This is standard practice for IOF TrailO Championships.

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 duty of care to the athletes and may, in the best interests of the athletes, withdraw athletes from disciplines or races prior to or during an event. Other athletes at the event may be substituted if the Team Manager believes this to be appropriate.

Responsibility for Selection

All selections will be discretionary and 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. Any person involved in providing advice or guidance during the selection process must declare any conflict of interest.

The Selection Panel will take full account of the selection criteria published annually. In general, the criteria will not be listed in any order of priority. Selectors will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions.

Testing & Substitution

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; or who does not meet the standards of behaviour expected.

Eligibility

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:

- Hold a valid British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain in accordance with the rules of the International Orienteering Federation;
- 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/>)

Anti-Doping

All selected athletes must comply with the UK Anti-Doping Rules as published by UK Anti-Doping Limited (or its successor) www.ukad.org.uk/documents/uk-anti-doping-rules

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>

Clarification and Appeals Procedure

If clarification of any specific selection issue is required, please contact the Chair of Selectors, David Maliphant at david.maliphant@britishorienteering.org.uk.

British Orienteering operates a formal appeals procedure 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. The appeals procedure must be instigated within 72 hours of any selection announcement being published on the British Orienteering web site.