

IOA Selection Policy for EYOC 2018 European Youth Orienteering Championships

28/06/2018- 01.07.2018 Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Classes: W18, M18, W16, M16 (max 4 runners per class)

<http://eyoc2018.eu/>

Eligible for selection are M/W18s (born 2001, 2000) and 2nd year M/W16s (born 2002)

In exceptional cases first year M/W16s (born 2003) may be selected.

To compete on an Irish team athletes must hold an Ireland passport and be a current member of an IOA or NIOA club.

To be considered for selection it is highly recommended to compete in the Irish Orienteering Long Championships 2018, and run the March 10th 2018 Time Trial. *If there is compelling reason for not attending this should be explained to the selectors in advance.*

Selections will be based on the results of the competitions listed below. We also hope to include a further Sprint Selection Race TBC.

Can athletes please notify the selectors before 30 April 2018 of other results they would like to have taken into account (this includes competitions where athletes have run in an older age class on a different course).

It is strongly recommended that a major international event is included for selection purposes, this need not be one of the nominated selection races. Please let the selectors know if this is your intention.

The team will be announced shortly after the Irish Championships. However, if team numbers allow, juniors who achieve impressive international results during May or early June may be added to the team. Note for athletes who “run up” in an older age class. If the course is the same as their age class course there is no issue. If the course is different it cannot be used as a selection.

Selection Events

Sun 25 February	Leinster Championships	Vale of Clara/ Ballinastraw (classes tbc)
Fri 30 th March	Sprint JK MOD Stafford, Beaconside, Stafford	M/W 18E or M/W16A
Sat 31 st March	Middle JK day 2 Brereton Spurs-	M/W 18E or M/W 16A
Sun 1st April	Long JK day 3 Beaudesert-	M/W 18E or M/W 16A
Sat 5 th May	Middle Irish Championships, Barnesmore West	– (M/W 18E or M/W 16)
Sun 6 th May	Long Irish Championships, Tawnawully,	– (M/W 18E or M/W 16A)

There will be no automatic selection based on results. The selectors will also take into account athletes' level of commitment as shown by

- Orienteering regularly and often
- Attending training camps/competitions

Achieving and maintaining a high level of fitness

Training with relevant non-orienteeing sport clubs (eg hill-running, cross-country, athletics, etc.)

Participating in relevant non-orienteeing races.

Responding promptly to emails, and communicating if unable to attend training or other squad events. Other factors such as illness, injury, exams will be taken into account if made known to the selectors.

The Selectors: Jeni Pim, Darren Burke, Mike Long, Ruth Lynam, Stephanie Pruzina