



Senior Squad selection policy World Orienteering Championships Estonia 2017

Irish team to compete at the World Orienteering
Championships,
Estonia (WOC2017)

This year the selection policy has been adapted to reflect the following changes:

- The grade of the men's team who are now considered a Tier 2 team and as a result have two (2) positions available in the Long and Middle distance disciplines.
- The Women's team retain their automatic one (1) position in the Long and Middle distance disciplines.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri 30 June	Sprint Qualification	Tartu
Sat 1 July	Sprint Final	Tartu
Sun 2 July	Sprint Relay	Viljandi
Tue 4 July	Long Distance	Rõuge
Thu 6 July	Middle Distance	Elva-Vitipalu
Fri 7 July	Relay	Elva-Vitipalu

Number of competitors:

Men - maximum of 8 + 2 reserves

Women - maximum of 6 + 2 reserves

Selection races:

Middle, Long and Relay:

JK 2017, SE England

- 15th April – Ambersham Common – Middle
- 16th April – Holmbush – Long

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- 29th April – TBC – Middle
- 30th April – TBC – Long

WOC Test Races, Estonia

- 13th May – Kūka – Middle
- 14th May – Kūtiorg – Long

Sprint and Sprint Relay:

JK 2017 SE England

- 14th April – Brunel University

Irish Sprint Test Race

- 22nd April – Craigavon

WOC Test Races, Estonia

- 12th May – Põlva

Policy:

All squad members who wish to be considered for selection are expected to inform the Director of High Performance of their intentions when the relevant request form is received.

There is no limit to the number of disciplines any one athlete can be selected for.

The selectors will consider athletes in the M/W18 & 20 age classes for WOC selection in consultation with the JWOC selectors. If junior athletes wish to be considered for selection for WOC races they need to run the same course in the selection races as the M/W21E athletes.

Selection – Middle and Long:

There is one (1) automatic place for the Men only in the Middle and Long distance races. This will automatically be the top Irish athlete in the respective disciplines in Estonia on the 13th & 14th May 2017.

The women's Middle and Long team, and the second position in the Middle and Long on the men's team, will be selected by the selection panel based on an athlete's best two (2) results from the three (3) selection races in each respective discipline.

To be considered for selection an athlete must compete at a minimum of two (2) selection races in that particular discipline, or in the case of the men's team, place first in one of the respective Estonian WOC Test Races.

Selection - Relay:

The relay teams will be chosen by the selection panel based on results at the named Middle and Long selection races, as well as results in the Middle and Long WOC races. Where appropriate, athletes will be selected for the relay team prior to WOC.

Selection - Sprint:

There is one (1) automatic place for the Sprint distance race plus 2 additional places. The automatic place will be the top Irish athlete in the designated Sprint selection race in Estonia, 12th May – Põlva.

The remaining two places for Sprint distance will be chosen by the selection panel based on an athlete's best two (2) results from the three (3) named Sprint selection races.

To be considered for selection an athlete must compete at a minimum of two (2) selection races in the Sprint discipline, or place first in the Estonian WOC Test Race.

Selection – Sprint Relay:

The Sprint Relay team will be chosen by the selection panel based on results of the WOC Sprint Qualification races.

Reserves:

Middle and Long: One male and one female reserve will be chosen by the selection panel for each of these disciplines. These athletes will travel to WOC if not already part of the team.

Relay: One male and one female reserve will be chosen by the selection panel for the relay. These athletes will travel to WOC if not already part of the team.

Sprint: One male and one female non-travelling reserve will be chosen by the selection panel for the Sprint.

Sprint Relay: The third member of the Sprint team will automatically be the reserve for the Sprint Relay.

The selection panel is:

- Helen Baxter
- Kyle Heron
- Paul O'Sullivan-Hourihan

The finalised WOC team will be announced

Monday 15th May, 2017

Communication of selection decisions:

Squad athletes and others who have registered an interest in being selected for a competition will be notified by email when selections are made and posted on the IOA website and Senior Squad Blog.

Appeals:

Selection decisions can be challenging for both athletes and selectors. An athlete has the right to question a selection decision as follows:

- Initially to seek feedback from the selectors.
- If the athlete is unhappy with the selectors' explanation then they may make a formal complaint to the Appeal Panel through the official appeal process. This is published on the IOA Website.