



Senior Squad selection policy World Orienteering Championships Norway 2019

Irish team to compete at the World Orienteering
Championships,
Norway (WOC 2019)

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

- There are three (3) positions available for both the Women's and Men's Middle distance Qualification races.
- The Women's and Men's team retain their automatic one (1) position in the Long distance final *.
- There are no Sprint disciplines at this year's WOC.

*subject to qualifying criteria as follows: the selected runner must have achieved at least one World Ranking score in excess of 600 in the previous three years (this score could have been achieved at an earlier race in the same WOC).

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tue 13 August	Middle Qualification	Knatterudfjellet Varteig
Wed 14 August	Long Final	Mørk Spydeberg
Fri 16 August	Middle Final	Mørk Spydeberg
Sat 17 August	Relay	Mørk Spydeberg

Number of competitors:

Men - maximum of 4 + 2 reserves

Women - maximum of 4 + 2 reserves

Selection races:

Middle, Long and Relay:

WOC Test Races, Norway

- 5th July – Halden – Long
- 7th July – Halden – Middle

Policy:

All squad members who compete in the aforementioned selection races will be considered for selection.

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

Selection – Middle:

There are three (3) automatic places for the Men and Women in the Middle distance race. This will automatically be the top three (3) Irish athletes in the Middle selection races in Norway on the 7th July.

Selection – Long:

There is one (1) automatic place for the Men and Women in the Long distance race. This will automatically be the top Irish athlete in the Long selection races in Norway on the 5th July*.

*Note that this is subject to the athlete achieving a qualifying WRE ranking score of 600 prior to the WOC Long distance final (see details above).

Selection – Relay:

The relay teams will be chosen by the selection panel based on results at the Middle and Long selection races.

Reserves:

Middle: The fourth placed male and female athletes in the designated selection race will be the automatic reserve. These athletes will not travel to WOC if not already part of the team.

Long: The second placed male and female athletes in the designated selection race will be the automatic reserve. 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.

The finalised WOC team will be announced

9th July 2019

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.