



Senior Squad selection policy World Orienteering Championships Denmark 2020

Irish team to compete at the World Orienteering
Championships,
Denmark (WOC 2020)

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

- There are three (3) positions available for both the Women's and Men's Sprint Qualification races.
- There are three (3) positions available for both the Women's and Men's Knock-Out Sprint races.
- There are four (4) positions available for the Sprint Relay (2 Women and 2 Men).

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tue 7 July	Sprint Relay	Kolding
Thu 9 July	Knock-Out Sprint	Fredericia
Sat 11 July (am)	Sprint Qualification	Vejle
Sat 11 July (pm)	Sprint Final	Vejle

Number of competitors:

Men - maximum of 5 + 1 reserve

Women - maximum of 5 + 1 reserve

Selection races:

JK Sprint – 10th April – Stockton Riverside – Sprint

Irish Test Race – 16th May – LVO (TBC) – Sprint

WOC Test Races, Denmark

- 30th May – Esbjerg – Sprint
- 31st May – Ribe – Knock-Out Sprint

Policy:

All squad members who compete in any of the aforementioned selection races and fulfil the selection criteria will be considered for selection.

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 – Sprint:

There are two (2) automatic places for the Sprint distance race plus one (1) additional place. The automatic places will be the top two Irish athletes in the designated Sprint selection race in Denmark, 30th May.

The remaining place for Sprint distance will be chosen by the selection panel based on an athlete's results from the three (3) Sprint selection races. To be considered for selection in this way an athlete must compete at a minimum of two (2) Sprint selection races.

Selection – Knock-Out Sprint:

There are two (2) automatic places for the Knock-Out Sprint distance race plus one (1) additional place. The automatic places will be the top two Irish athletes in the designated Knock-Out Sprint selection race in Denmark, 31st May.

The remaining place for Knock-Out Sprint distance will be chosen by the selection panel based on an athlete's results from the four (4) selection races. To be considered for selection in this way an athlete must compete at a minimum of two (2) selection races (Sprint or Knock-Out Sprint).

Selection – Sprint Relay:

There is one (1) automatic place for the Sprint Relay plus one (1) additional place. The automatic place will be the top Irish athlete in the designated Sprint selection race in Denmark, 30th May. The remaining place will be chosen by the selection panel based on an athlete's results from the three (3) Sprint selection races.

Reserves:

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

The Selection Panel is:

- Kyle Heron
- Susan Lambe
- Angus Tyner

The finalised WOC team will be announced by

2nd June 2020

Communication of selection decisions:

Squad athletes will be notified by email when selections are made, and the team selection will be posted on the IOA website and on Squad social media.

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.