

High Performance Report 2022

Orienteering Ireland

Events that the National Team participated in during the past year:

WOC Selection Races 2021 (May/June)

After dialogue with Sport Ireland we received permission to organise 3 selection races, Sprint/Middle/Long in Dublin and Wicklow. Permission was required due to the Covid restrictions in place at the time. These selection races were very well attended and also competitive. The support of the clubs involved, Fingal, 3Roc & CNOC, along with the race organisers, must be acknowledged, and I am extremely grateful for the work that they put in.

WOC 2021 – Czech Republic (July)

The 2021 World Orienteering Championships were held in the Czech Republic between 3-9 July with the event centre in the town of Doksy. This was the second 'Forest WOC', with an individual sprint race and a sprint relay added to the programme due to the gap that would have occurred between Sprint WOCs due to Covid enforced cancellation of WOC in 2020.

Preparations involved agreeing a Covid Protocol with Sport Ireland. My thanks to the team for engaging willingly on this issue.

The following team was selected to represent Ireland:

Middle	Josh O'Sullivan Hourihan Conor Short Paul Pružina
Long	Colm Moran
Relay	Conor Short Colm Moran Paul Pružina
Sprint	Josh O'Sullivan Hourihan Kevin O'Boyle Paul Pružina

No female athlete put themselves forward for selection.



WOC 2021 Team

Results from the finals:

Long (Final)	Colm Moran - 60 th
Middle (Final)	Paul Pružina - 52 nd
Relay	Relay - 25 th

I would also like to thank the Selectors for their work, Kyle Heron, Angus Tyner and Susan Lambe, and also the Appeals panel.

Senior Home International 2021 – Scotland (September)

This event was held in Aberdeenshire. Due to the prevailing circumstances, a small team travelled to this competition in 2021:

Paul Pružina, Colm Moran, Graeme Rennie, Clodagh Moran, Joe Bossonet (M20), and Rachel Collins (W20).

Funding

The Squad receives the majority of its funding from Orienteering Ireland. We are very grateful to for this funding. In the coming year this funding will go towards entering Irish Teams in events (e.g. World Championships), and towards training.

Athletes will still fund a large part of their attendance at the events they are selected for themselves, including attendance at selection races, this illustrates the commitment that the team must representing their country and should be acknowledged. The support from their families must also be acknowledged.

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The main event for 2022 will be the World Championships which are being held in Denmark, originally scheduled for 2020, they were postponed to this year. This will be the first 'Sprint WOC'. There are three disciplines, Sprint, Knockout Sprint and a Sprint Relay.

The European Orienteering Championships will be held in Estonia with the intention to have Ireland represented.

There are also World Cup races in Sweden and Switzerland.

The World University Orienteering Championships are being held in Switzerland and working with Student Sport Ireland the intention will be to have an Irish team participate. Student Sport Ireland are currently being engaged with regarding team selection/participation.

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