

Policy: Team Selections

Title: World Schools Orienteering Championships

Objective: To select the schools to represent New Zealand at the World Schools Orienteering Championships

General Information

1. The World Schools Orienteering Championships (WSOC) is held under the auspices of the International School Sport Federation (ISF). They are held every second year in odd-numbered years, usually in the month of April, and almost always in Europe.
2. Orienteering NZ recognise the rules of the competition are defined by ISF and may change between WSOCs. Orienteering NZ agrees to comply with the ISF regulations for each WSOC and advise schools of the rules under which the competition will be run.
3. Orienteering NZ will endeavour to ensure the dates of our secondary school orienteering competitions do not coincide with the WSOC. In years where a clash does occur, Orienteering NZ expects schools to support our domestic events, but recognises schools have the right to attend the WSOC if selected.
4. Entry to the event is conditional on being selected by Orienteering NZ and the selection being ratified by the New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council (NZSSSC).

Criteria for Representative School Selection

1. Orienteering NZ will select a school(s) based on their athletes' performances at nominated competitions in the year preceding the WSOC.
2. Schools interested in attending WSOC must express their interest to Orienteering NZ by the specified date through an Expression of Interest (EOI) Form. Schools may express an interest in competing in more than one category.
3. Schools will only be considered for selection if they can comply fully with the ISF regulations for the WSOC. This includes being able to enter a full team as defined by the ISF regulations.
4. Athletes must compete in the Orienteering NZ Championship grades for their school to be considered for selection. Relay results will not be considered as part of the selection process.
5. Athletes results will be calculated using the following points:
 - The top 5 place-getters of each school will accrue points in Junior, Intermediate and Senior grades as follows:
 - Sprint: 1st - 25 points, 2nd - 24, 3rd - 23, down to 25th - 1 point.
 - Long: 1st - 25 points, 2nd - 24, 3rd - 23, down to 25th - 1 point.
6. The Junior grade points above will be used to select a school(s) for the M/W2 categories. The Intermediate and Senior grade points combined will be used to select a school(s) for the M/W1 categories. One or more schools may be selected to field a team in one or more category.
7. The right of appeal will be limited to Schools who submitted an EOI for selection.
8. Orienteering NZ will confirm the selection of schools for the WSOC no later than the date specified in the Selection Notice in the preceding year.

9. Orienteering NZ reserves the right to select a replacement Representative School if the original School selected is unable to commit to entering the WSOC by the date specified in the Selection Notice.

Athlete Selection

1. Once a school have been selected for a 'School Representative' place, the selection of its team members will be at the discretion of the school, but Orienteering NZ expect the school to field their strongest team.

Criteria for a Selected Team

Orienteering NZ reserves the right to select a New Zealand representative team for the WSOC. Any selected team entry will be conditional upon the ISF regulation requiring a school team to be entered into a category before a selected team, being fulfilled.

Athlete Eligibility for a Selected Team

1. To be eligible for selection, athletes must be members of Orienteering NZ.
2. A 'Selected Team' athlete may not be from a school selected for a 'School Representative' place.
3. Athletes will be selected based on the following criteria with the objective of selecting a team which is likely to be most successful in the WSOC.
 - The primary guide to selection shall be performance at the nominated selection trials or selection events.
 - Athletes must compete in the Orienteering NZ Championship grades to be considered for selection. Relay results will not be considered as part of the selection process.
 - As secondary criteria, recent performances in high standard events, both in New Zealand and overseas, performance in previous New Zealand representative teams and likely performance in the anticipated competition terrain shall be considered.
4. The right of appeal will be limited to athletes eligible for 'Selected Team' only.

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