
New Zealand Orienteering Federation (Inc)

NZOF POLICY ON JWOC

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Introduction

NZOF wishes to encourage juniors of suitable standard to attend the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) if they so desire. NZOF recognises the dual competitive and social aims of these Championships and will assist juniors attending by:

using its best endeavours to ensure a Coach/Manager is appointed who will travel with the team,
providing financial assistance to the team within its normal budget, and
maintaining a suitable selection policy.

Timeframe

1. Any junior who wishes to attend JWOC should notify the Convenor of Selectors of their interest by 30 September of the previous year.
2. NZOF selectors will select an interim Squad for JWOC by 30 November of the previous year.
3. NZOF will appoint one official (a combined Coach/Manager) for the JWOC team. It will be expected of this official to travel with the team. The appointment will be made by 30 November of the previous year. One responsibility of this official will be to manage the interim Squad.
4. Members of the interim squad will be required to confirm their availability for selection to the Convenor of Selectors by 15 January. If more than 6 men or women are available for selection, a trial will need to be held during February for team selection. The final JWOC team will be selected by 28 February.

Selection

1. The overriding principle for JWOC selection shall be any available junior who has the ability to finish in the top 75% of the JWOC races shall be selected (subject to the maximum number of 6 men and 6 women).
2. A second major principle shall be a junior will be reasonably committed to the sport and possess appropriate demeanour as they will be representing New Zealand.
3. It is currently considered that for a male junior to achieve this standard, they should be able to finish in the M20 grade (Course 2) at a major event within 125% of the kilometre rate of the M21 elite winner. The equivalent rate for a female junior running W20 (course 4) is within 130% of the kilometre rate of the W21 elite winner. These standards will be reviewed from time to time, with any change published, to ensure they remain valid.

4. It is a prerequisite that juniors wanting to attend JWOC will be in either the Development or National Squad. Commitment will be assessed based on their active participation in either of these squads.
5. All juniors considering attending JWOC should ensure they run in M/W20 grades at the area championships in the preceding year.
6. The interim Squad will be selected primarily on results in the area championships held during spring. Results from major events earlier in the year (e.g. National Championships, South Island Championships) may also be taken into account. Any junior who has difficulty attending area championships due to examinations or other reason should set out their situation to the selectors when indicating their interest to attend JWOC.
7. Final JWOC team selection will be based on a trial race in February. The location of any trial shall take into consideration where triallists are domiciled so that no major expense is incurred by triallists to compete. In the absence of a trial (where less than 6 men or women are available for selection), selection will be based on the recommendation of the JWOC Team/Manager to the Convenor of Selectors. This may include performance at a nominated Orienteering race held during February within the local region of a junior to assess current performance level.
8. Only in exceptional circumstances will a person from outside the interim squad be selected for JWOC.

Finance

1. NZOF will contribute a set amount of money from its budget for JWOC. This money will be managed by the Coach/Manager appointed and it is expected that 50% of the budget is used to offset travel expenses of this official. The remaining 50% will be used to the benefit of team members.
2. The Coach/Manager appointed is also expected to investigate other avenues of funding to help offset the cost of attending for all involved.