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## **Update history**

### **Oct 26th, 2015:**

Policy document created:

- Previous policy (*2015/2016 Senior Team Selection Policy*) was used as a basis to create this updated policy document for the 2016 / 2017 seasons.
- Requirement added that HPP membership is required for selection to all events (previously it was not required for WOC and WCup races)

### **Nov 13, 2015:**

WOC 2016 Preselection & Preliminary Selection acceptance. The Selection Policy is updated to reflect the following:

- Louise Oram accepted her spot in WOC 2016 Long
- Emily Kemp accepted her spot in WOC 2016 Long & Middle
- Damian Konotopetz accepted his spot in WOC 2016 Sprint Q
- Emma Waddington will not attend WOC 2016, so declined her spot in WOC 2016 Sprint Q

## Summary of 2016 Selection (as of October 2015)

*New for 2016 - it is required to be an HPP member to be selected to any of these events. This is to ensure all athletes are training on a regular basis with a long-term approach according to their training plan, to ensure all athletes have agreed to the Athlete Code of Conduct, Anti-doping rules, and have provided athlete profiles and contribute to Team Canada, and to reflect the work required by Orienteering Canada and the HPC in administering team selection, registration and management at these events.*

### WOC 2016 Team Selection

- *Pre-selection* is based on results at WOC 2015 - a top-40 result in the Middle or Long final automatically qualifies for the same final at WOC 2016.
- *Preliminary selection* is based on results at COC 2015 - Top Canadian man & woman in the COC Sprint automatically qualifies for a Sprint Qualification spot at WOC 2016
- *Final Selection* races will be held during 2016 (specific dates and events to be determined).

Here is a recap of the current status of WOC 2016 Selections:

- Regional Champions - since there was no NAOC race in 2015 there are no personal spots awarded to Regional Champions for WOC 2016.
- Women's Middle: Emily Kemp is pre-selected, based on top-40 performance at WOC 2015.
- Women's Long: Emily Kemp & Louise Oram are pre-selected based on top-40 performance at WOC 2015.
- Women's Relay: Emily & Louise are pre-selected. Third runner to be selected at Final selection.
- Women's Sprint Qualification: Emma Waddington won a position based on being Top Canadian in the COC 2015 sprint. This was declined. All three runners will be selected at Final selection races.
- Men's Middle: Canada's national spot will be decided at the Final selection races.
- Men's Long: Canada's national spot will be decided at the Final selection races.
- Men's Relay: The three Relay spots will be decided at the Final selection races, with the Men's Long and Men's Middle finalists both qualifying for the Relay.
- Men's Sprint Qualification – Damian Konotopetz won a position based on being Top Canadian in the 2015 COC sprint. The two other runners will be selected at Final selection races.
- Sprint Relay - The WOC Team Coach and the Selection Committee will use discretion to choose the team of four runners (2 men, 2 women) to represent Canada in the Sprint Relay.

### 2016 World Cup

Athletes who wish to participate in World Cup races must notify Orienteering Canada ([hpp@orienteering.ca](mailto:hpp@orienteering.ca)) at least two weeks before the preliminary registration deadline of the event. Should there be more qualified applicants than positions available, the selection committee will make a discretionary team selection.

### 2016 World University Orienteering Championships

Athletes who wish to participate at WUOC should indicate this in their HPP application, along with which WUOC races they wish to be considered for. Should there be more qualified applicants than positions available, the selection committee will make a discretionary team selection.

### World Games

The next World Games is 2017 in Poland. No selection will take place in 2016. However it is important to realize that the number of spots awarded to Canada by the IOF will likely be based on results at WOC 2016, especially compared to the results from Team USA, since traditionally the IOF awards spots to the

top nations overall plus representatives from the top nation in each region.

# 2016/2017 Selection Policy for WOC, World Cups, WUOC, World Games

## Introduction

- This document describes the team selection policy for the national teams to represent Canada at World Orienteering Championships (WOC), World Cups (WCup), World University Orienteering Championships (WUOC), and World Games (WG).

## Definitions

- *High Performance Committee (HPC)*  
Orienteering Canada has formed a High Performance Committee (HPC) and delegates to the HPC all elite orienteering programming, including team selection.
- *Policy Committee (PC)*  
The HPC has recruited a Policy Committee to develop the selection policy for WOC, WCup, WUOC, WG team selections. This is: Wil Smith, Magali Robert, Ted de St Croix, Adrian Zissos (chair). Former members include: Mike Waddington, Brian May.
- *Selection Committee (SC)*  
The HPC has recruited a Selection Committee to implement the selection policy for WOC, WCup, WUOC, WG team selections. The selection committee is comprised of Wil Smith, Magali Robert, Ted de St Croix, Adrian Zissos (chair). Additional committee members may be added by the HPC.
- *WOC Team Coach*  
The WOC Team Coach will be chosen from amongst the HPP Regional Coaches. If the position can not be filled by one of these coaches, the HPC will attempt to recruit another suitable coach. The WOC Team Coach will attend WOC and help in advance with race preparation.

## Goals

- The HPC uses a policy in which selection is targeted at achieving certain short and long term program objectives, including:
  - Motivate and encourage elite Canadian orienteers
  - Help develop athletes who show potential for future excellence
  - Improve Canada's position in the IOF nations ranking year over year.
  - Earn the most possible places in IOF races by:
    - improving Canada's IOF national ranking - to earn maximum start positions in the WOC Middle & Long finals
    - consistently being the highest ranked nation in North America - to earn start positions in the World Games
    - winning individual races at NAOC - to earn personal places in WOC Middle & Long finals
  - Meet the Sport Canada-related target of consistently achieving some top 16\* results in WOC finals, including relays (\* Or top half if less than 32 entrants).

### **Development and approval of team selection policy**

Orienteering Canada's team selection policy is created by the Policy Committee, which is a subcommittee of Orienteering Canada's High Performance Committee. The policy is reviewed and approved by the High Performance Committee and the Orienteering Canada Executive.

### **Policy Committee General Comments**

- Regarding WOC Team Selection: Given the changes in WOC format in 2014, Orienteering Canada must select fewer athletes directly to finals rather than selecting more athletes into qualification races. Therefore it makes sense to have selections that are less discretionary and more directly based on results at a Trials event, similar to the previous WOC qualification/final model.
- Discretionary selection has considerable advantages, however practical considerations (eg: lack of volunteer resources, lack of suitable selection races) argue in favour of simpler selection policy.
- Head to head racing will be a critical factor in selection, so athletes will be expected to travel to selection races. In future, the Canadian Championships and the North American Regional Championships will be key races for selection.
- The Policy Committee feels that the selection policy should be established for the upcoming two seasons at least, so that races in the current season can be used for selection for races in the following season and to facilitate athletes' long term planning.

## 2016 World Orienteering Championships (WOC)

August 20-28, Strömstad-Tanum, Sweden

[www.woc2016.se](http://www.woc2016.se)

### WOC 2016 Schedule

2015	
WOC 2015 <i>Pre Selection</i>	Inverness, Scotland <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any Canadian athletes achieving a top-40 result in an individual final at WOC 2015 will be pre-selected to the WOC 2016 team to run in the corresponding race.</li></ul>
Canadian Champs <i>Preliminary selection</i>	COC Sprint, Charlottetown, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Top Canadian male &amp; female in the Sprint Final will be pre-selected to the WOC 2016 team to run in the Sprint Qualification race.</li></ul>
2016	
July or August <i>Final selection</i>	A number of races will be used for Final Selection to the WOC Team. These races will be determined in early 2016. Factors involved in choosing the events will include travel costs and logistics for athletes, relevant terrain, appropriate head to head competition between athletes. As in the previous two years the Final Selection races will likely take place in Europe, relatively close to the WOC races.
Aug 20 - 27 WOC 2016	Saturday 20 Aug      Sprint Qualification & Final Sunday 21 Aug        Sprint Relay Monday 22 Aug Tuesday 23 Aug        Middle Final Wednesday 24 Aug Thursday 25 Aug       Long Final Friday 26 Aug Saturday 27 Aug       Relay



## **WOC National Spots**

*Sprint Relay & "Forest" Relay:* Each nation is given one entry.

*Sprint:* Each nation is given three spots in the Sprint Qualification races

*Middle & Long:* WOC qualification for Middle & Long is based on national ranking system in which the top eight nations in the world form the first division and get three starting spots each, nations 9-22 get two spots, and nations 23 and lower get one spot. All nations are thus guaranteed at least one starting place in the Middle and Long finals. The countries are ranked separately for men and women on the basis of the results in the Long, Middle, and Relay competitions in the past two WOCs. At the end of each year, the nations move between the divisions based on the points from the two previous years.

List of nations, by division at start of 2015: (todo: link to standings for 2016)

- Men: [WOC 2015 Team Allocation \(Men\)](#)
- Women: [WOC 2015 team allocation \(Women\)](#)

IOF's Special Rules: Qualification for WOC Long and Middle distance competitions

[http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Qualification-for-WOC-Long-and-Middle-distance-competitions\\_Special-Rules.pdf](http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Qualification-for-WOC-Long-and-Middle-distance-competitions_Special-Rules.pdf)

National spots for Canada at WOC 2016:

In 2016 Canadian men are in Division 3, and Canadian women are in Division 2.

Sprint Relay	2 men, 2 women
Sprint Q/F	3 men, 3 women
Middle	1 man, 2 women
Relay	3 men, 3 women
Long	1 man, 2 women

## **WOC Personal Spots**

In addition to Canada's *national* spots, if the North American regional championships were held within the previous year then the IOF awards *personal* spots to the current North American regional champions (male and female) in the Middle and Long distance races, and they will be given an automatic entry into the corresponding WOC final so long as the athletes are selected by their national federation. These spots are not transferable to other athletes.

There will be no personal spots available for WOC 2016.

## WOC 2016 Selection Policy Overview

The WOC 2016 selection will be made as follows:

- Pre-selection: Exceptional performance at previous WOC will be used to pre-select athletes who have proven themselves able to perform at a very high level. A top-40 result in an individual race in WOC 2015 will guarantee selection for that race at WOC 2016.
- Preliminary Selection: The *Top Canadian* in the Sprint at the 2015 COC races will automatically earn a spot in the corresponding race at WOC 2016 according to the Selection Process described later in this document.
- Final Selection: The final selection races will be used to fill all remaining places on the Canadian team, including replacing any athlete who was previously selected to run but is unable to due to injury or other circumstance.

The selection committee and the HPC discussed the race(s) to be used for final selection. A lack of races on the domestic calendar (i.e., few or no spring Canada Cup events to choose from) is a significant challenge. Following discussions with current HPP members and the success of the 2014 & 2015 WOC selection races in Europe, a European selection race will be used shortly before the start of WOC 2016. This is due to a combination of factors including: maximizing head to head competition, minimizing athletes' travel costs, maximizing time in WOC terrain prior to WOC, maximizing team training with WOC Team coach. It is not ideal to have important selection races so close to WOC, but given the new WOC format (less forest racing) and the other factors listed above, this schedule is felt to provide a reasonable balance between all factors. The final selection races will be announced by early 2016.

## Eligibility / HPP Membership

- **New for 2016 - it is required to be a member of the HPP to be selected to the Canadian WOC team.**
- Competitors must meet IOF eligibility requirements, including having "full passport-holding citizenship" of Canada.

## Declaration of intent

- Personal spot: a declaration of intent **is not** required.
- National spot (Pre-selection): a declaration of intent **is not** required.
- National spot (Preliminary & Final selection): a declaration of intent **is** required.
- In order to win a National spot at a preliminary or final selection race, athletes must submit a Declaration of Intent prior to that race, and in any case by April 30th 2016 at the latest.
- There are several reasons for the Declaration of Intent requirement, one of the main ones being so that athletes know the selection outcome immediately following the race (for example, a selection race may be won by a Canadian orienteer who has no intention of going to WOC).
- The declaration must be submitted by email to Orienteering Canada (hpp@orienteering.ca). The email should simply identify which WOC races the athlete wishes to be considered for and which they don't. Please list all events so that there is no ambiguity. For example:
  - Sprint relay - yes
  - Sprint - no
  - Middle - yes
  - Relay - yes
  - Long - yes

## **“Top Canadian”**

To clarify, *Top Canadian* in the context of this Selection Policy means the highest placing Canadian in M/W21 who meets the eligibility requirements and who has submitted a Declaration of Intent. In the case of the Sprint race, and any other race in which the M20 class runs the same course as M21E and / or the W20 class runs the same course as W21E, then *Top Canadian* will be highest placed Canadian in the combined results from those two categories who meets the eligibility requirements and who has submitted a Declaration of Intent prior to the race.

## **WOC Middle / Long Selection Policy**

### **Pre-Selection:**

A top-40 result at 2015 will trigger automatic pre-selection. The pre-selection criterion was met by Emily Kemp in both the Long and Middle races, and by Louise Oram in the Long. Thus, in the absence of any significant injury or health issues, Emily will be offered the opportunity to race in both Middle and Long at WOC and Louise will be offered the opportunity to race in Long. No men met the top-40 criterion at WOC 2015, so none will be pre-selected for WOC.

### **Preliminary Selection:**

No preliminary selection will take place for the Middle/Long races.

### **Final Selection:**

A series of final selection races will be specified by early 2016, including one Middle, one Long, and one or two Sprint races. Selection for all remaining National spots will be made at the Final selection event, as follows:

- *Men’s Middle: If necessary, the top Canadian in the men’s Middle distance race will be selected.*
- *Men’s Long: If necessary, the top Canadian in the men’s Long distance race will be selected.*
- *Women’s Middle: If necessary, the top 1 or top 2 Canadian women in the women’s Middle distance selection race will be selected.*
- *Women’s Long: If necessary, the top 1 or top 2 Canadian women in the women’s Long distance selection race will be selected.*
- *Men’s Middle/Long: If the same man wins both National spots in the Middle and Long (using results from Preliminary and/or Final selections), then that individual will be given the choice to run one race at WOC, but not both. The vacated spot will be filled by the next fastest Canadian in the relevant Final selection race.*

## **WOC Relay Selection Policy**

- The men and women selected to run Middle/Long at WOC are automatically selected to the Relay.
- As required, additional men and women will be selected based on best overall placing in the Final selection Middle and Long races, using a points system that weights Middle and Long results equally.
  - $\text{Score} = (\text{Winning Time}) / (\text{Racer's Time}) \times 100$
  - This is basically a % of the winner’s speed ... 100 if you win, 90 if you are travelling 90% as fast around the course.
  - The “winner” is considered to be the fastest runner of the appropriate gender on the course, regardless of age or nationality

- Highest combined score (Middle score + Long score) wins. If a tie, then highest score in the Long distance race will be the deciding factor.
- An unlikely situation may occur in which more than three different Canadian runners run in the Middle and Long WOC finals. In this case the relay team will be chosen from those runners by the discretion of the WOC Team Coach and the Selection Committee using primarily the performances in the WOC Middle & Long races.

### **WOC Sprint and Sprint Relay Selection Policy**

#### **Pre-Selection:**

No man or woman satisfied the top-40 place criterion for pre-selection in the WOC 2015 Sprint. Thus, there will be no pre-selection to the team for the individual Sprint event at WOC 2016.

#### **Preliminary Selection:**

One male and one female runner will be selected at the COC 2015 Sprint race as follows:

- *Men's Sprint: The Top Canadian will be selected (Damian Konotopetz)*
- *Women's Sprint: The Top Canadian has declined the spot (Emma Waddington).*

#### **Final Selection:**

- All remaining spots for the WOC Sprint Qualification race will be selected at the Final Selection sprint races.
- If possible, two sprint races will be used for Final Selection. This will depend on finding a suitable second sprint race. Athletes should be prepared to run a second sprint selection race, which may be announced as late as one month before the first Final selection sprint race.
- If there are two final sprint selection races, each race winner will earn a spot in the WOC Sprint races. If the same athlete wins more than once in the Preliminary and Final selection races, then additional runners will be chosen based on their overall Final selection two-race score.
  - In each race points will be awarded using the same scoring system as for Relay selection (percentage-behind-winner).
  - The total score over the two races will count. If a tie, then the highest score in the first Final selection sprint race will be the deciding factor.
- If we cannot arrange for a second Final selection sprint race then all remaining positions will be selected based on the results of first Final selection sprint race.
- The WOC Team Coach and the Selection Committee will use discretion to choose the team of four runners (2 men, 2 women) to represent Canada in the Sprint Relay using primarily results from the Final selection sprint races.

## Selection Timeline

### Step 1. Pre-selection races - July 31-Aug 8, 2015

- WOC 2015

### Step 2. Preliminary selection races - Aug 14-23, 2015

- COC Sprint Race.

### Step 3. First Notification - deadline Oct 30, 2015

- Any athlete selected in the pre-selection or preliminary selection races will be notified by the Selection Committee.

### Step 4. First Acceptance - deadline Nov 15, 2015

- Athletes must respond to the First Notification to confirm their intent to compete at WOC 2016 in those disciplines. If they do not confirm by the deadline, or if they decline the race, then these positions will become available to general selection.

### Step 5. Declaration of Intent – deadline April 30, 2016

- In order to be eligible for Final selection athletes must submit a *Declaration of Intent*.

### Step 6. Review of Intention - deadline May 15, 2016

- The Selection Committee will review all athletes' *Declaration of Intent*.
- Should there be **fewer** qualified applicants than positions available in any race at WOC 2016, the Selection Committee may ask the HPC to recruit certain athletes for the available positions in those races. Additionally, the Selection Committee may make a discretionary selection for those races only.
- An announcement will be made by the Selection Committee listing:
  - all race positions that have already been filled
  - all race positions that are being contested
  - all race positions that are unfilled (i.e. not already filled, nor being contested)

### Step 7. Final Selection races

- All athletes not already selected who would like to race at WOC 2015 must attend these selection races.
- Athletes must handle all logistics including registration, accommodation, transport.

### Step 8. Team Selection announcement - deadline Aug 14, 2016

- The results of the Selection races will be tallied, and the Canadian WOC team will be announced by email on or before the deadline.
- The Selection Committee may fill any unfilled positions using their discretion, based on
  - Results in the selection races
  - Results in other events in 2016 (International Events, Canada Cups, US National Events)
  - Results in the 2015 season (Canada Cups, US National Events, WOC, International Events).
  - Training dedication, as documented in training logs.
  - Long-term potential (e.g., preference given to younger athletes in the appropriate LTAD)

stage in case other selection factors are comparable).

### **Step 9. Athlete Confirmation – deadline Aug 17, 2016**

In order to confirm their place on the WOC team, each athlete must provide:

- Email confirmation to [hpp@orienteering.ca](mailto:hpp@orienteering.ca) that the athlete accepts a spot on the team
- Fulfill any outstanding requirements for HPP membership.

### **Exceptions**

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process or its timelines to be implemented as planned (such as a voided selection race), the Selection Committee reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all eligible athletes will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

### **Alternates**

The Selection Committee will use discretion to choose alternates, considering performance in the selection races, performance in recent major events (eg: 2015 Canadian Champs), WRE score, future potential. The alternates may or may not be athletes selected to run in other WOC races.

### **Use of Alternates**

In the event a selected runner is unable to start a race, the WOC Team Coach in consultation with the Selection Committee will make a decision about which runner to replace them with. The coach may pick any of the other selected runners or the designated alternates.

### **Removal from the Team**

Once selected to the WOC team, an athlete may withdraw or be withdrawn for the following reasons:

- A. Failure to satisfy minimum training standards;
- B. Failure to adhere to team rules and Orienteering Canada's Code of Conduct and policies;
- C. Failure to remain competition-ready leading up to the event. Athletes who do not remain competition-ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team. It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level.
- D. Voluntary withdrawal/retirement;
- E. Fraudulent misrepresentation.

Where an athlete is unable to meet training standards, competition readiness, violates team rules or the code of conduct or provides fraudulent misrepresentations, the Selection Committee will have the discretion to remove the athlete from the team, provided the athlete is given an opportunity to be heard, and to replace the athlete with another suitable candidate.

The Selection Committee will notify the athlete in writing that they have been removed from the team and reasons for the removal.

### **Funding**

Any money required to be contributed by the athlete must be paid to Orienteering Canada as requested. Failure to pay such monies may result in the athlete's removal from the Team.

### **Petitions**

The selection process is heavily weighted to objective results in mandatory selection races. Therefore petitions will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances such as when illness, injury, other medical

circumstance or personal commitments result in absence or underperformance in a selection race. Petitions must include documentation of the cause for absence or underperformance in a selection race (such as a letter from a doctor) and evidence of other results which are clearly strong enough to overturn the results of the selection races (such as previous excellent performance at World Championships). Petitions must be submitted by the end of the day of the final selection race.

### **Appeals**

Any appeal against a decision of the Selection Committee can be made in accordance with Orienteering Canada's appeals policy. In particular, if the Team Selection announcement is made after July 1st 2015 then the appeal deadline is 24 hours after the announcement.

### **Team Officials**

Orienteering Canada will recruit a Team Leader and a Team Coach. The WOC athletes will be expected to work together with these officials and with each other to handle registration and arrange for transportation, accommodation and other logistics.

## 2017 World Orienteering Championships (WOC)

July 1-7, Tartu, Estonia

[www.woc2017.ee](http://www.woc2017.ee)

### Overview

It is likely that Canadian men will remain in Division 3 and Canadian women in Division 2. Therefore it is expected that the *national positions* for Canada will be unchanged from previous years:

Middle & Long	1 man, 2 women
Relay	3 men, 3 women
Sprint Q/F	3 men, 3 women
Sprint Relay	2 men, 2 women

In addition to these *national positions* there will be *personal positions* given in the 2017 WOC Middle and Long Finals to the North American regional champions in those disciplines. The 2016 North American Regional Championships will take place Sept 23-25th in the eastern USA ([www.naoc2016.us](http://www.naoc2016.us)).

The 2016 North American Regional Championships have been chosen as the preliminary selection event for several reasons including high quality of event, importance of having HPP athletes compete head to head in North America, and the importance of aiming to win as many personal spots in WOC 2017 for Canadian athletes. It is expected that all athletes who wish to compete at WOC 2017 will attend NAOC 2016 and will aim for a peak performance at this important race.

<b>2016 WOC</b> Pre-selection	Women: Top-40 in Individual Final will trigger pre-selection Men: Top-40 in Individual Final will trigger pre-selection
<b>2016 NAOC</b> Sept 23-25  Preliminary selection & Regional Champion personal positions	For all individual events in which there is at least one open position following pre-selection: the Top Canadian in Sprint, Middle, and Long will earn preliminary selection in the corresponding race at 2016 NAOC. Note that this might be a personal position (should Top Canadian also be Regional Champion) or a national position. <i>Note: Declaration of Intent must be submitted prior to the NAOC races in order to win a national position.</i>
Final selection	Final selection races will be announced by early 2017.

### Petitions

The selection process is heavily weighted to objective results in mandatory selection races. Therefore petitions will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances such as when illness, injury, other medical circumstance or personal commitments result in absence or underperformance in a selection race. Petitions must include documentation of the cause for absence or underperformance in a selection race (such as a letter from a doctor) and evidence of other results which are clearly strong enough to overturn the results of the selection races (such as previous excellent performance at World Championships). Petitions must be submitted by the end of the day of the final selection race.



## 2016 World Cup (WCup)

The World Cup in 2016 will consist of about 12 competitions held in four “rounds”. The World Cup programme includes Sprint Relay, and includes races in Poland (pre World Games 2017), Czech Republic, the World Orienteering Championships in Sweden, and the World Cup Final races in Switzerland. Full details will be made available on the IOF website - but currently (October 2015) it is not clear exactly which races from each round will be included in the World Cup (in particular it is unclear which of the European Championship races will be included).

Athletes who wish to participate in World Cup races must notify Orienteering Canada ([hpp@orienteering.ca](mailto:hpp@orienteering.ca)) at least two weeks *before the preliminary registration deadline* of the event. Should there be more qualified applicants than positions available, the selection committee will make a discretionary team selection.

### Round 1 [Poland](#)

1	Sat April 30	Middle
2	Sun May 1	Sprint Q/F
3	Mon May 2	Sprint Relay

### Round 2 [European Champs, Czech Republic](#)

4	Sun May 22	Sprint Q/F
5	Mon May 23	Long Q
6	Tue May 24	Long F
7	Thur May 26	Middle Q
8	Fri May 27	Middle F

### Round 3 [WOC, Sweden](#)

9	Sat Aug 20	Sprint Q/F
10	Sun Aug 21	Sprint Relay
11	Tue Aug 23	Middle
12	Thu Aug 25	Long

### Round 4 [WCup Final, Switzerland](#)

13	Oct 14	tba
14	Oct 15	tba
15	Oct 16	tba

## Team Size

At each World Cup race the number of competitors per Federation is limited according to annually published quotas based on the IOF World Rankings.

As of the October 2015 the World Cup 2016 Special Rules had not been published. For reference here are last year's [World Cup 2015 Special Rules \(previous year\)](#).

**Todo:** link to *World Cup 2016 Special Rules* and list team sizes

Estimated team sizes:

Poland events: ?? Max 8 men, 8 women.

Czech events: ??

WOC Events: as per WOC rules.

WCup Final: ?? Max 6 men, 6 women

### Eligibility

- Athletes must be a member of the HPP.
- Athletes must be in good standing with Orienteering Canada, in that they are full members of a Canadian orienteering club affiliated with Orienteering Canada and have no outstanding amounts owing to Orienteering Canada (unless a payment plan has been negotiated with the Orienteering Canada Treasurer).
- Athletes must meet IOF eligibility requirements, including having “full passport-holding citizenship” of Canada.

### WCup 2016 Selection Policy

Selection for the WOC events are as per WOC 2016 Team Selection as described in this document. For all other events the following policy applies:

Athletes who wish to participate in World Cup races have to notify Orienteering Canada ([hpp@orienteering.ca](mailto:hpp@orienteering.ca)) at least two weeks before the preliminary registration deadline of the event. Note that some of these events have very early registration deadlines!

The Selection Committee will make a discretionary decision about whether the athletes are qualified to represent Canada at a World Cup based on historical results. Should there be more qualified applicants than positions available, the selection committee will make a discretionary team selection, based on previous results, but may give extra priority to younger developing athletes. The selection committee will allocate races based on communication with the athletes and on the committee’s discretion. When analyzing results, the selection committee considers factors such as placing, time behind the winner, time per kilometre (tpk), strength of field, relevancy of terrain, types of errors made, etc.

The final selection for each World Cup will be announced prior to the Final Registration deadline.

### Team Officials

Orienteering Canada will complete the registration process for these events. The World Cup team at each event other than the World Champs will be expected to work together to recruit a team leader and team coach if necessary, and arrange for transportation, accommodation and other logistics. At the World Champs (Round 3) team officials will be as described in the World Championships section of this policy.

## 2016 World University Orienteering Championships (WUOC)

July 30 - August 4, Miskolc, Hungary

[wuoc2016.hu/index.php/en/](http://wuoc2016.hu/index.php/en/)

### Overview

WUOC is a bi-annual event (taking place in even-numbered years). It is one of the more than thirty-two World University Championships, which are organized under the sanctioning of FISU (International University Sports Federation). WUOC is considered an important development opportunity for Canadian Elite orienteers.

### Eligibility

Athletes wishing to be selected for WUOC must:

- be a member of the HPP
- be a student currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a University or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority or their country, or former students who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year 2015;
- be aged 17-28 on Jan 1st;
- meet other eligibility requirements set out by Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS/SIC) and FISU.

### Team Size

Max 6 men, 6 women

Long: 4 men, 4 women

Middle: 4 men, 4 women

Sprint: 4 men, 4 women

Relay: 2 men's team (3 legs), 2 women's team (3 legs)

Sprint Relay: 1 team (2 men, 2 women)

### Selection

Athletes who wish to participate at WUOC should indicate this in their HPP application, along with which WUOC races they wish to be considered for. An initial team selection and race allocation will be announced shortly following the HPP application *Confirmation Deadline*. Should there be more qualified applicants than positions available, the selection committee will make a discretionary team selection, based on previous results, but may give extra priority to younger developing athletes. The selection committee will allocate races based on communication with the athletes and on the committee's discretion. When analyzing results, the selection committee considers factors such as placing, time behind the winner, time per kilometre (tpk), strength of field, relevancy of terrain, types of errors made, etc.

Unfilled positions may be applied for by notifying Orienteering Canada ([hpp@orienteering.ca](mailto:hpp@orienteering.ca)) at least two weeks *before* the *Quantitative registration deadline* of the event. Final team will be announced one week prior to the *Final WUOC registration* deadline.

### Team Officials

Orienteering Canada will complete the registration process for these events. The WUOC team will be expected to work together to recruit a team leader, and arrange for transportation, accommodation and other logistics.

### **WUOC key dates**

Jan 31	General Entries
April 30	Quantitative Entries
June 30	Final Individual Entries
July 31	Sprint
Aug 1	Long
Aug 2	Sprint Relay
Aug 3	Middle
Aug 4	Long

## 2017 World Games (WG)

The next World Games is 2017 in Poland. No selection will take place in 2016. However it is important to realize that the number of spots awarded to Canada by the IOF will likely be based on results at WOC 2016, especially compared to the results from Team USA, since traditionally the IOF awards spots to the top nations overall plus representatives from the top nation in each region.

Next World Games: July 25-27, 2017.  
Wroclaw, Poland  
<http://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/5110>  
<http://theworldgames2017.com/en/>

### Overview

The World Games are held every four years.

In 2017 the following races will be part of the World Games:

- July 25 - Sprint
- July 26 - Middle
- July 27 - Sprint Relay

### Allocation of start positions

The IOF allocates start positions at their discretion. There are start positions for 40 men and 40 women.

Link to information about entry allocation and race details for 2017 World Games:

[eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/5110](http://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/5110)

Entry allocation rules for 2017 World Games:

[orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/The-World-Games-2017-Qualification-Rules.pdf](http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/The-World-Games-2017-Qualification-Rules.pdf)

At the previous World Games in 2013, beside allocating entries to the strongest nations, the IOF also allocated start positions to each region. North America was allocated two men and two women. This allows for a full relay team (2 men + 2 women). Since the USA was ranked higher than Canada in the IOF standings at the time it was asked to select two men and two women to race at the World Games.

In 2017 the IOF again has discretion about how to allocate entries. They will allocate at least one men's and one women's entry to North America at their discretion. It is expected they will do as they did in 2013 and allocate the entries to the highest ranked nation at WOC 2016, using results from Sprint Relay, individual Sprint final, and Middle distance final.