



ORIENTEERING C A N A D A

2015 Athlete Representative Election Process

Background

In 2008 the position of Athlete Representative was created. The athlete representative sits on both the High Performance Committee (HPC) and the Orienteering Canada Board of Directors as a full voting member with a mandate to look after the interests of high performance athletes. The position was initially held by Brent Langbakk, current High Performance Director, and then Patrick Goeres and now Jeff Teutsch whose term is ending this summer. We are looking for an athlete who is, or has been within the last four years, a member of the Junior or Senior National Team, is interested in this position and meets the eligibility requirements.

Term of the Athlete Representative

The elected individual will serve a 3-year term starting immediately after the 2015 Orienteering Canada Annual General Meeting (AGM). After the 2015 Orienteering Canada AGM, the Athlete Rep will be a voting member of the Orienteering Canada Board of Directors and Orienteering Canada's official representative to [Athletes CAN](#), the Association of National Team Athletes.

Responsibility of the Athlete Representative

The representative is expected to, among other things:

- represent the interests of the high performance athletes in any Board discussions that affect high performance training, competition, hosting and/or the ability of the athletes to perform
- be the liaison between high performance athletes and the Board
- ensure that communication takes place between high performance athletes regarding issues of interest and impact to the high performance program
- be a member of the High Performance Committee (HPC)
- fulfill the [duties](#) of a Orienteering Canada board member
- be the Orienteering Canada Athletes' Rep to AthletesCAN including attending the annual AthletesCAN Forum (travel and accommodation expenses are paid for), which is usually held in the fall.

The job description is available on www.orienteering.ca. (most of the items aren't as scary as they sound ;) - Jeff)

Who elects the Athlete Representative?

In 2014 a new Canadian Not For Profit Act was implemented which governs what not for profit organizations can and cannot do. In order to comply with this act the Athlete Rep election process is somewhat convoluted. Instead of electing someone directly to the board of directors, *junior and senior national team members* will elect a *National Senior and Junior Team Member Delegate* (“*The Delegate*”) to a special class of Orienteering Canada membership prior to Orienteering Canada’s Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Delegate then elects an athlete rep at the AGM. It is understood that The Delegate will elect themselves to the position of athlete rep.

For the purposes of electing The Delegate by junior and senior national team members, and given the timing of the election and the fact that the 2015 WOC team has not been finalized and the 2015 JWOC team has been finalized, the athletes eligible to vote are:

- 1) 2014 WOC team (Emily Kemp, Louise Oram, Tori Owen, Robbie Anderson, Eric Kemp, Will Critchley, Damian Konotopetz)
- 2) 2015 JWOC team (Pia Blake, Emma Sherwood, Emma Waddington, Alexander Bergstrom, Trevor Bray, Robbie Graham, Caelan McLean, Jan Erik Naess, Michael Svoboda)

Who is eligible to be the Athlete Representative?

To be eligible to be the athlete representative the individual must be representing Canada as a team member at the Junior World or World Orienteering Championships this year (2015) or have done so within the past four years. The individual does not have to be a current member of the High Performance Program. The individual must be eighteen years of age or older as well as other requirements outlined in the Orienteering Canada [by-laws](#) (section 2.02).

Nomination process

The call for nomination will be circulated via email and web to the Canadian orienteering community. Nominations for the position must be sent to Orienteering Canada (by email to hpp@orienteering.ca) by June 19, 2015. Individuals can nominate themselves or someone else can nominate an individual with his/her prior approval.

All nominees will have the opportunity to submit answers (by June 19, 2015 to hpp@orienteering.ca) to the following questions:

1. Why do you wish to run for The Delegate position (with the intent of becoming the Athlete Representative)? (answer not to exceed 250 words)
2. What is your vision for elite orienteering in Canada? (answer not to exceed 250 words)

Election process

By June 19th, 2015 a representative of the HPC will send by email the list of nominated athletes and their responses to the above questions to all those eligible to vote.

Voting will be closed at June 26th, 2015, 11:59pm MST by replying by email with the name of the desired Delegate. The email is to be sent to the two Orienteering Canada officials acting as

proctors (the email addresses of the proctors will be sent with the voting information). The elected individual will be announced by June 28, 2015.

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