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Selection Policy

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## **Update history**

### **Jan 2nd, 2015:**

Policy document created:

- Previous policy (*2014 and 2015 Senior Team Selection Policy*) was used as a basis to create this updated policy document for the 2015 / 2016 seasons.
- Previous policy (*2015 WOC Selection Policy*) was inserted into this document.
- Status of *2015 WOC Selection Policy* was updated to include the results of the Preliminary Selection races at NAOC 2014.
- Minor change in definition of “Top Canadian” to simplify the wording.

### **Jan 11th, 2015:**

Minor changes and clarifications as suggested by reviewers.

### **Jan 29th, 2015:**

- Finalized 2015 WOC final selection races
- Finalized 2016 WOC selection policy
- Clarified World Cup selection policy

## Summary of 2015 Selection

### WOC 2015 Team Selection News: January 29, 2015

*Preselection* is based on results at WOC 2014. *Preliminary selection* is based on results at NAOC 2014.

The *Final Selection* races will be held during O-Ringen (specific dates subject to change):

- July 19 - Long (O-Ringen Stage 1)
- July 21 - Sprint (O-Ringen 'rest day' / DH21 Elite Sprint day)
- July 23 - Middle (O-Ringen Stage 4)

Here is a recap of the current status of WOC 2015 Selections:

- Women's Middle: Emily & Louise are pre-selected, based on outstanding performance at WOC 2014. The personal spot for North American Champ went to the USA.
- Women's Long: Ditto - Emily & Louise are already pre-selected. USA took the personal spot.
- Women's Relay: Emily & Louise are pre-selected. Third runner to be selected at Final selection.
- Women's Sprint: Tori Owen won a position based on being Top Canadian in the NAOC sprint. The two other runners will be selected at Final selection races.
- Men's Middle: Brian May won a Personal Spot by being North American Champion. The national spot will be decided at the Final selection races.
- Men's Long: Robbie Anderson won a Personal Spot by being North American Champion. The national spot will be decided at the Final selection races.
- Men's Relay: It is possible that we will have four runners qualified to run the Relay, in which case the three Relay spots will be selected by the WOC Team Coach & the Selection committee as described in the Selection policy. The four possible runners include pre-selections Brian and Robbie plus the two Top Canadians yet to be selected for the National spots in Middle & Long.
- Men's Sprint – Damian Konotopetz won a position based on being Top Canadian in the NAOC 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.

### 2015 World Cup

The World Cup in 2015 will consist of 11 competitions held in four "rounds". The programme includes races in Australia, Norway and Sweden, the World Orienteering Championships in Great Britain, and the World Cup Final races in Switzerland.

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. Should there be more qualified applicants than positions available, the selection committee will make a discretionary team selection.

### World University Orienteering Championships

Next WUOC is in 2016 in Hungary. No selection will take place in 2015.

### World Games

Next World Games is 2017 in Poland. No selection will take place in 2015.

# 2015/2016 Senior National Team Selection Policy

## Introduction

- This document describes the team selection policy for the senior 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 all Senior 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 all Senior Team selections. The selection committee for 2015 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.

### **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.

## 2015 World Orienteering Championships (WOC)

August 1-7, Inverness, Scotland

[www.woc2015.org](http://www.woc2015.org)

### WOC 2015 Schedule

2014																	
October 11 - 13 Preliminary selection	<p>NAOC, Ottawa, Canada  <a href="http://www.naoc2014.ca">www.naoc2014.ca</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Middle (WRE) - Oct 11</li> <li>● Long (WRE) - Oct 12</li> <li>● Sprint (WRE) - Oct 13</li> </ul>																
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July 19 - 23 Final selection	<p>O-Ringen, Boras, Sweden July 18-24  <a href="http://www.oringen.se">www.oringen.se</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● July 19 - Long (O-Ringen Stage 1)</li> <li>● July 21 - Sprint (O-Ringen 'rest day' / DH 21 Elite Sprint)</li> <li>● July 23 - Middle (O-Ringen Stage 4)</li> </ul> <p>The O-Ringen organizers have agreed to facilitate the team selection and will send an invitation in early February which will detail the categories to register in.</p>																
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### **WOC National Spots**

In 2014 a new qualification system was introduced at WOC for the Middle and Long distance races, with the removal of qualification races in those disciplines. In addition, a new discipline – the mixed sprint relay – was added.

The new WOC qualification system for Middle & Long introduced a three division 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 WOC's. 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:

- 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 2015:

In 2015 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, for WOC 2015 there are four *personal* spots awarded by the IOF. These are awarded to the 2014 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 2015 final. These spots are not transferable to other athletes. Brian May (Middle) and Robbie Anderson (Long) won the two mens' spots, while the two womens' spots were won by American athletes.



## WOC 2015 Selection Policy Overview

WOC 2015 selection will be based primarily on performance at the following races:

- 2014 WOC Pre-selection: Top-40 in an individual final will trigger pre-selection
- 2014 NAOC Preliminary selection: *Top Canadian* in each event selected to run that event
- 2015 races Final selection: at races to be chosen later. All remaining spots to be filled.

The WOC 2015 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 2014 will guarantee selection for that race at WOC 2015.
- Preliminary Selection: The *Top Canadian* in the Middle, Long & Sprint at the 2014 NAOC races will automatically earn a spot in the corresponding race at WOC 2015 according to the Selection Process described later in this document.

The 2014 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 Canada, and the importance of aiming to win as many personal spots in WOC 2015 for Canadian athletes. It is expected that all athletes who wish to compete at WOC 2015 will attend NAOC 2014 and will aim for a peak performance at this important race.

- 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 WOC 2014 selection races in Europe, a European selection race will be used shortly before the start of WOC 2015. 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 selection races will take place during O-Ringen

### UPDATE Jan 31, 2015:

The *Final Selection* races will be held during O-Ringen (specific dates subject to change):

- July 19 - Long (O-Ringen Stage 1)
- July 21 - Sprint (O-Ringen 'rest day' / DH21 Elite Sprint day)
- July 23 - Middle (O-Ringen Stage 4)

The O-Ringen organizers have said they will send an invitation in February to all countries with similar interests. This invitation will detail the categories you need to register in so that you can take part in these selection races (note in particular that the Sprint race is generally only for the O-Ringen elite class).

## Eligibility

It is not necessary to be a member of the HPP to be selected to the Canadian WOC team, but it is strongly encouraged. All athletes who wish to be considered 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). 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: a declaration of intent **is** required.
- In order to win a National spot athletes must submit a Declaration of Intent prior to the relevant selection race, and in any case by April 30th 2015 at the latest. This means for example that an athlete may decide to try for the team after the NAOC races and submit a Declaration of Intent after the NAOC races but before the Final selection races, in which case their results from NAOC races would not be considered, but their results from the Final selection races would be.
- 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 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](mailto:hpp@orienteering.ca)). The email should simply identify which WOC races the athlete wishes to be considered for and which they don't. Unlike previous years, no backup information is required. 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.

## Middle / Long Selection Policy

### Pre-Selection:

The pre-selection criterion of top-40 at 2014 WOC was met by Emily Kemp and Louise Oram in both the Long and Middle races. Thus, in the absence of any significant injury or health issues, Emily and Louise will be offered the opportunity to race in both Middle and Long at WOC. No men met the top-40 criterion at WOC 2014, so none will be pre-selected for WOC.

### Preliminary Selection:

The preliminary selection races will be the NAOC races in Ottawa. Personal and National spots will be awarded as follows:

- *Men's Middle – one spot awarded to the top Canadian for WOC Middle. If a Personal spot is won, then the National spot will be awarded in the Final selection*
- *Men's Long -one spot awarded to the top Canadian for WOC Long. If a Personal spot is won, then the National spot will be awarded in the Final selection*
- *Women's Middle - top Canadian automatically selected for WOC Middle if 1) Emily or Louise decline a starting position, or 2) top Canadian wins a Personal Spot*
- *Women's Long - top Canadian automatically selected for WOC Long if 1) Emily or Louise decline a starting position, or 2) top Canadian wins a Personal Spot*
- *Men's Middle/Long: If the same man is the top Canadian in both the Middle/Long, but fails to win a Personal spot, 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 fastest Canadian at the relevant Final selection race. If the same man is the top Canadian in both the Middle/Long, and wins one or both Personal spots, then that individual will run both races at WOC, and the corresponding National spots will be filled at the relevant Final selection race(s).*

### Final Selection:

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.*
- *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.*
- *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.*

## 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 Final selection races (note: in this situation selection is ideally based on performance in the WOC Middle & Long races, however the WOC 2015 schedule is unusual in that the Long distance race takes place after the Relay).

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

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

No man or woman satisfied the top-40 place criterion for pre-selection in the WOC 2014 Sprint. Thus, there will be no pre-selection to the team for the individual Sprint event at WOC 2015.

#### **Preliminary Selection:**

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

- *Men's Sprint: The Top Canadian will be selected.*
- *Women's Sprint: The Top Canadian will be selected.*

#### **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.
- **UPDATE: Jan 31st, 2015** - only one final sprint selection race will be held.
- 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 - deadline Sept 20, 2014

- Any athlete pre-selected by the Selection Committee for certain races will be notified.

### Step 2. Acceptance of Pre-selection - deadline Sept 30, 2014

- Athletes offered pre-selected positions must confirm their intent to compete at WOC 2015 in those disciplines by the deadline. If they do not confirm in time, or if they decline the race, then these positions will become available to general selection.

### Step 3. Preliminary Declaration of Intent – deadline Oct 10, 2014

- In order to be eligible for Preliminary selection for a National spot, athletes must submit a *Declaration of Intent*.

### Step 4. Preliminary selection races - Oct 11-13, 2014

- NAOC races - Sprint, Middle, Long.

### Step 5. Final Declaration of Intent – deadline April 30, 2015

- If an athlete did not submit a Preliminary Declaration of Intent previously, then in order to be eligible for Final selection, then this is the final deadline for the athlete to submit a *Declaration of Intent*.

### Step 6. Review of Intention - deadline May 15, 2015

- The Selection Committee will review all athletes' *Declaration of Intent*.
- Should there be **fewer** qualified applicants than positions available in any race at WOC 2015, 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 July 26, 2015

- The results of the Selection races will be tallied, and the Canadian WOC team will be announced by email on or before July 26, 2015.
- The Selection Committee may fill any unfilled positions using their discretion, based on
  - Results in the selection races
  - Results in other events in 2015 (International Events, Canada Cups, US National Events)
  - Results in the 2014 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 July 28, 2015**

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

- A signed copy of the current Athlete Agreement (if that wasn't submitted with the 2015 HPP application)
- An athlete profile for the Orienteering Canada website (if that wasn't submitted with the 2015 HPP application)
- Email confirmation to [hpp@orienteering.ca](mailto:hpp@orienteering.ca) that the athlete accepts a spot on the team.

### **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: 2014 National 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.

## 2016 World Orienteering Championships (WOC)

August 20-28, Strömstad-Tanum, Sweden

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

### 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 entries for Canada will be the same in 2016 as in 2015:

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, in 2016 there WILL NOT be a personal position given in the WOC Middle and Long Finals to the North American regional champions in the corresponding disciplines. This personal position is given by the IOF in the WOC that takes place within 12 months following a Regional Championship. Currently (as of Jan 2015) the dates for the 2016 North American Regional Championships have been announced as Sept 23-25th. This means the personal positions earned at NAOC 2016 will be awarded for WOC 2017 in Estonia.

While the exact WOC 2016 selection criteria is not yet finalized (as of early 2015), selection will be based primarily on performance at the following races:

2015 WOC	Women: Top-40 in Individual Final will trigger pre-selection for WOC 2016 Men: Top-45 in Individual Final will trigger pre-selection for WOC 2016
2015 COC	This will be an extremely important race for 2016 WOC selection. For any WOC 2016 individual race in which there are at least two national positions available (after pre-selection), the Top Canadian in the corresponding race at 2015 COC will be selected. This means that at least one man and one woman will be selected in the Sprint.
2016 selection race	There will be a 2016 selection race, to be announced by early 2016.

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## 2015 World Cup (WCup)

The World Cup in 2015 will consist of 11 competitions held in four “rounds”. The programme includes the Oceania Orienteering Championships in Australia, races in Norway and Sweden, the World Orienteering Championships in Great Britain, and the World Cup Final races in Switzerland.

The full programme is:

	<b>Competition Date</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Event / Country</b>
1	Fri 2nd Jan and Sat 3rd Jan	Sprint	OOA Australia
2	Thu 8th January	Middle distance	OOA Australia
3	Sat 10th January	Long distance	OOA Australia
4	Wed 3rd June	Long distance	Norway
5	Sat 6th June	Sprint	Sweden
6	Sun 7th June	Middle distance	Sweden
7	Sun 2nd August	Sprint	WOC Great Britain
8	Tue 4th August	Middle distance	WOC Great Britain
9	Fri 7th August	Long distance	WOC Great Britain
10	Fri 2nd October	Long distance	WCup Final Switzerland
11	Sat 3rd October	Middle distance	WCup Final Switzerland

At each World Cup the number of competitors per Federation is limited according to annually published quotas based on the IOF World Rankings (see *World Cup 2015 Special Rules*: <http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/World-Cup-2015-Special-Rules-151014.pdf>).

### Team Size

Varies according to *World Cup 2015 Special Rules*

Events 1,2,3: Max 8 men, 8 women.

Events 7,8,9 as per WOC rules.

All other events: Max 6 men, 6 women

### Eligibility

It is not necessary to be a member of the HPP to represent Canada in World Cup events, but it is strongly encouraged. All athletes who wish to be considered 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). Competitors must meet IOF eligibility requirements, including having “full passport-holding citizenship” of Canada.

### WCup 2015 Selection Policy

Selection for events 7,8,9 are as per WOC 2015 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.

### **2015 World Cup schedule**

#### **Round 1**

Jan 2 - 11, Tasmania, Australia

Website: [oceania2015.com/](http://oceania2015.com/)

#### **Round 2**

June 3 - 7, Halden, Norway; Lysekil/Uddevalla, Sweden

Preliminary team registration deadline: **Mar 30, 2015**

Final registration: **May 22, 2014**

Website: [www.wc2015.se](http://www.wc2015.se)

#### **Round 3**

World Orienteering Championships

August 1-7, Inverness, Scotland

Athletes will be selected using the criteria outlined in the WOC Selection portion of this document.

Website: [www.woc2015.org](http://www.woc2015.org)

#### **Round 4**

October 2-4, Arosa, Switzerland

Preliminary team registration deadline: **Aug 14, 2015**

Final registration: **Sept 21, 2015**

Website: [www.o-worldcup.ch/en/infos-2015](http://www.o-worldcup.ch/en/infos-2015)

## World University Orienteering Championships (WUOC)

### 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.

No Orienteering Canada selection process regarding the 2016 WUOC will take place in 2015.

Next WUOC: 2016, Hungary– Miskolc

### Eligibility

Athlete's wishing to be selected for WUOC must:

- 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

It is required to be an HPP member to be selected to the WUOC team.

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**

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## **World Games (WG)**

Next World Games: 2017: Wroclaw, Poland <http://worldgames2017.pl/english>

No Orienteering Canada selection process regarding the 2017 World Games will take place in 2015.

### **Overview**

The World Games are held every four years. The IOF allocates start positions. In 2013, beside allocating entries to the strongest nations, the IOF also allocated start positions to each region. North America was awarded start positions for two men and two women. Since the USA was the highest ranked country in the region in the IOF standings it was asked to select two men and two women to race at the World Games. This allows for a full relay team (2 men + 2 women).

Link to information about entry allocation and race details from 2013 World Games:

[http://orienteering.org/events/?event\\_id=276](http://orienteering.org/events/?event_id=276)

Entry allocation rules for 2013 World Games:

<http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/The-World-Games-2013-Qualification-Rules2.pdf>

Note that in 2013 the Nation ranking system used for the World Games was similar but slightly different from the ranking system to be used for WOC 2014 onwards.