



Hi Team Canada,

On May 27th, Orienteering Canada's Board of Directors met and developed a position regarding athlete travel and participation at the World Cup Round 2. As stated in our [March 10th communication](#) Orienteering Canada feels that it is important to play a leadership role in the orienteering community in respecting all public health measures with regard to COVID-19. As the situation continues to evolve we have developed the following position with respect to selecting athletes to represent Orienteering Canada at World Cup Round 2 in August in Sweden.

The position is:

Athletes will be eligible for team selection if there are no government recommendations, at the time of team selection, against non-essential travel from where they will be living at the time of travel to the competition location. Orienteering Canada reserves the right to revoke an athlete's position on the team should conditions or government travel advisories change.

What this means in practice:

1. For World Cup Round 2 the 'time of team selection' is June 12th.
2. Example: If you will be living in Canada in August when the World Cup Round 2 is due to be taking place then, unless things change by June 12th you will not be selected for the team as Canada is recommending against non-essential travel.
3. Example: If you are living in Canada now but have plans to move to Sweden between now and the beginning of August (for school for example) then you will be eligible to be selected to World Cup Round 2.
4. Example: If you are living in Europe (and plan on still being there in August) in a country where there are no recommendations or warnings against non-essential travel to Sweden in the summer then you will be eligible to be selected to World Cup Round 2.
5. Example: If you are in a country where there are no recommendations or warnings against non-essential travel to Sweden and are selected to the team attending World Cup Round 2 but recommendations to not travel to Sweden are put in place in July your position on the team will be revoked. You will be expected to pay any costs that Orienteering Canada cannot get reimbursed.
6. Athletes will not be added to the team should travel restrictions be lifted. To do so would be to allow the possibility of an unfair situation and last-minute logistics that may affect those athletes that were previously selected and making plans to bubble as a team, etc.
7. Other than affecting who can apply and be selected for the team this in no way affects the selection policy published on May 25th.

In the coming weeks Orienteering Canada will be developing an International Event Team COVID protocol which will include information on precautions athletes will be expected to follow, what athletes shall do if they or a teammate develops symptoms or falls sick with COVID-19, etc. This will be communicated to all relevant parties as soon as it is available.

For clarification on any of the above please contact me at hpp@orienteering.ca.

Train on!
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