



NSW SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING TEAM 2023

Orienteering NSW will be sending a team to the **2023 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships** to be held in Western Australia on October 3-5. The team will consist of a maximum of 20 athletes, with a maximum of 6 athletes in each of the four classes. The four classes are Junior Boys and Girls (athletes 15 and under on December 31, 2023) and Senior Boys and Girls.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be selected, athletes must be 12 years of age or older on December 31, 2023, enrolled in a NSW School or registered with NSW Education Standards Authority in school Years 7 to 12, and be an ONSW member.

Selection Process

To be considered as a potential NSW Schools Orienteering Team Member at the 2023 Australian Schools Championships in Western Australia, athletes will need to:

1. Nominate

Athletes should nominate through [Eventor \(https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/18785\)](https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/18785) by May 19, 2023. Athletes will also need to provide their school, date of birth and competition class.

2. Participate

- a) Athletes must compete in the **NSW State Leagues 5 & 6** (May 20-21, near Orange), and the **KBIII carnival** (June 10-12, Newcastle/Central Coast), in your A level age class: M/W14A, M/W16A, M/W18A, M/W20A. If you are unable to compete in one or more of these events, you must notify the Chair of Selectors before the event, stating the reason.
- b) The Australian 3 Days (April 7-10) and NSW State Leagues 3 & 4 (April 29-30) will be used as secondary selection trials, to demonstrate consistency, and athletes are expected to attend these events.
- c) You are strongly encouraged to compete in all other NSW State Leagues. These events may be used to separate athletes where necessary.
- d) Athletes should also participate in other orienteering events, at club or regional level.
- e) Athletes over the age of 17 are encouraged to compete in all NOL events for the NSW Stingers (please email the NSW Stingers managers Bec, Rob and Toby at nswstingers@gmail.com if you are new to the NSW Stingers).

3. Commit to the Sport

This is demonstrated by attendance at the NSW Development Squad Training Camp in April. Athletes over the age of 16 should also be following a structured training program. It is suggested this is prepared by a coach, mentor and/or parent.

Team Announcement

The schools team will be announced at most 1 week after the final selection race, by email to individual athletes, and on the Orienteering NSW website. Please note that all positions in the team are provisional based on continued participation in events up to the Australian Schools Carnival, and fitness. Athletes who cannot compete in any selection races - or will be competing but have a significant inhibition of their ability to perform - should contact the chair of selectors as soon as possible.

Enquiries, any questions or concerns should be directed to the selectors listed below.

Selectors: Rob Bennett (Chair, bennett.robert06@gmail.com), Toby Wilson, (third selector to be confirmed)