

2019 ACT Schools Orienteering Team Trials Information

Invitation to Nominate

We encourage all keen school aged ACT Orienteers to trial for the 2019 ACT School Orienteering Team.

If you are regularly and comfortably running Orange (Moderate) courses (Junior category - see below) or Red (Hard) Courses (Senior category - see below), we encourage you to nominate for the team trials.

Details of what is required:

The ACT Team

An ACT student team will be selected, annually, to take part in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships (ASOC). This year the Championships will be held in New South Wales.

The team will comprise of 4 competitors in 4 categories (8 girls, 8 boys) with up to 4 travelling reserves (at the discretion of the ASOC Championship organisers). Age is at 31st December in the year of competition.

One travelling reserves place will be assigned per category. That is: 1 junior girl, 1 junior boy, 1 senior girl and 1 senior boy. The only exception to this would be where there is an insufficient number of nominees to any one or more of the categories. In this case, a second reserve would be allocated first to the junior girl category, secondly to junior boy category. Then to the senior categories based the best performing athletes.

The decision to approach the second reserve position as described is to contribute to the future potential of junior orienteers in ACT.

The selection process will seek to choose the best performing athletes to represent the ACT.

1. Junior Girls 15 years and under
2. Senior Girls 16 years and over (open)
3. Junior Boys 15 Years and under
4. Senior Boys 16 years and over (open).

SELECTION PANEL PRINCIPLES:

The selection panel principles are to:

- Select the best performing athletes; and
- Be transparent, objective and independent.

SELECTION PREREQUISITES:

Students wishing to be considered for selection must:

- 1. Attend school in the ACT or be a member of an ACT club.** Students must turn 12 years of age or older in the year of the competition.
- 2. Be a current member of Orienteering ACT.**
- 3. Nominate no later than 11.59pm Wednesday 3 April 2018.** Late Nominations may be accepted at the discretion of the Selection Panel Convenor.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Selections will be based on performances in all the following five (5) Selection Events:

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| SELECTION 1 | SUNDAY 7 April | AL#3 Badja near Cooma (Long Distance) |
| SELECTION 2 | SUNDAY 12 May | Narrabundah Hill Teams event (Mass start loop, Middle Distance) |
| SELECTION 3 | SUNDAY 23 June | AL#7 Kowen Forest (Middle Distance) |

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| SELECTION 4 | SUNDAY 21 July | AL #8 Tidbinbilla (Long Distance) |
| SELECTION 5 | SATURDAY 27 July | JL #10 University of Canberra (Sprint Distance) |

- It is expected that students nominating for selection will participate in all five of the primary selection events if possible.
- Athletes unable to participate in any of the five primary selection events should notify [selection panel convenor] in advance. Athletes suffering from illness or injury should notify [selection panel convenor] and should NOT participate in selection events while ill or injured.
- Selection will be based primarily upon results from the five nominated Selection Events. Where participation in all five of the primary selection events is not possible, performances in similar level events may be considered as secondary criteria. Events that may be considered as secondary criteria include 2018 and 2019 National League events, 2018 and 2019 ACT League events, 2018 ACT representative standings and equivalent international events such as 2018 NZ based Oceania and 2019 NZ Regional Championships.
- Participation in all events must be at the standard required for competition at the Australian Schools Championships. That is, senior girls/boys must compete in advanced level (Red) (where it is available) over the correct distance for age, and the junior girls/boys must compete in moderate level (Orange) over correct distance for age.
- Except for Selection 2, where there will be a mass start for everyone, start times will be allocated to athletes who have nominated. All courses will be run with a blind start; i.e. maps will not be viewed before the allocated start time.
- Performances will be assessed based on placings and percentage behind the winner. Consideration will be given to the best performances by each student as well as their overall performance across all five primary selection events.
- Nominations close prior to the first selection race. Late nominations may be considered after this date.

Selection Panel

Toni Brown (Convenor)
Gareth Candy
Mace Neve
Kathy Dent

Nomination Process:

School Sport ACT is no longer involved in registrations for the representative team selection. OACT Office will maintain and process all nominations received. OACT Office will collect a small fee to cover the processing and compilation, follow-up and associated administrations. To this end, and in consistent with the approach taken by School Sport ACT nominations will incur a small fee.

Nomination will be via Eventor (insert link) (Event listed 7 April 2019)

1. Go to the Eventor Website
2. Select event "ACT Schools Nomination 2019"
3. Select Nomination to trial
4. In addition to selecting "Nomination to trial", you need to also choose each of the selection events you are intending to enter. Most nominees will select all five (5) events. However, for those nominees that know in advance that they will not be able to attend all primary selection events, they will only choose those selection events they will attend. Nominees seeking consideration for events other than the primary selection events, will also need to send a separate email to the Selection Panel Convenor stating which other race or races they would like to have considered.
5. Make the payment of \$5.
6. Note the registration process closes in line with the entry cut-off date for the first trial date to allow sufficient time to organise selection race start times.
7. A confirmation email will be sent to you prior to the first selection race.

We look forward to receiving your nomination. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Blue Lightning Coach Ken Mansell on 0429 566 516 or Selection Panel Convenor Toni Brown on 0411 968 001.