

Orienteering NSW will be sending a team to the 2020 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships to be held in Tasmania, between the 29th September and the 1st October 2020. 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 the 31st of December 2020) and Senior Boys and Girls.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to be selected, athletes must be 12 years of age or older on the 31st of December 2020, enrolled in a NSW School, in years 7 to 12, and be a full ONSW member for 2020.

## Selection Process

To be considered as a potential NSW Schools Orienteering Team Member at the 2020 Australian Schools Championships in Tasmania, athletes will need to:

### 1. Nominate

Athletes should nominate through Eventor [here](#), closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Athletes will also need to provide their school, date of birth and competition class by email to Rob Bennett (email address below).

### 2. Participate

- a) Athletes must compete in the NSW Long and Middle Championships (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April, near Eugowra), and the QBIII carnival (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June, around Newcastle), in your A level age class: M/W14A, M/W16A, M/W18A, M/W20A or M/W20E. If you are unable to compete in ANY of these events, you must notify the Chair of Selectors before the event, stating the reason.
- b) You are strongly encouraged to compete in all other state leagues and the Australian 3 Days. These events may be used to separate athletes where necessary.
- c) Athletes should also participate in other orienteering events, at club or regional level.
- d) 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](mailto: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 by 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.  
Athletes

Selectors: Rob Bennett (Chair, [bennett.robert06@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.robert06@gmail.com)), Michele Dawson, Toby Wilson