

Orienteeing Association of South Australia

Elite Athlete Pathway

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Introduction

The pathway for elite athlete development for orienteers in South Australia, forms part of the Orienteering Australia's (OA) Athlete Development Pathway as developed within their High Performance Strategic Plan as submitted to the Australian Sports Commission.

The focus in South Australia currently only incorporates Foot Orienteering, at the National level, the pathway includes both Foot and Mountain Bike Orienteering.

The pathway includes both Senior and Junior levels.

Components of the Pathway

Orienteers typically commence their participation in the sport at the club or school (juniors) level. From here they progress through –

- State training squads (Senior and Junior)
- National Training Squads (Senior and Junior)
- Senior High Performance Squad

National squads are the responsibility of the High Performance Director of Orienteering Australia, and the OA High Performance Management Group. State Squads are supported by the OASA National League teams' coach and manager, the OASA Coaching Coordinator and OASA Junior Coach.

These squads form the basis for team selection in the following competitions

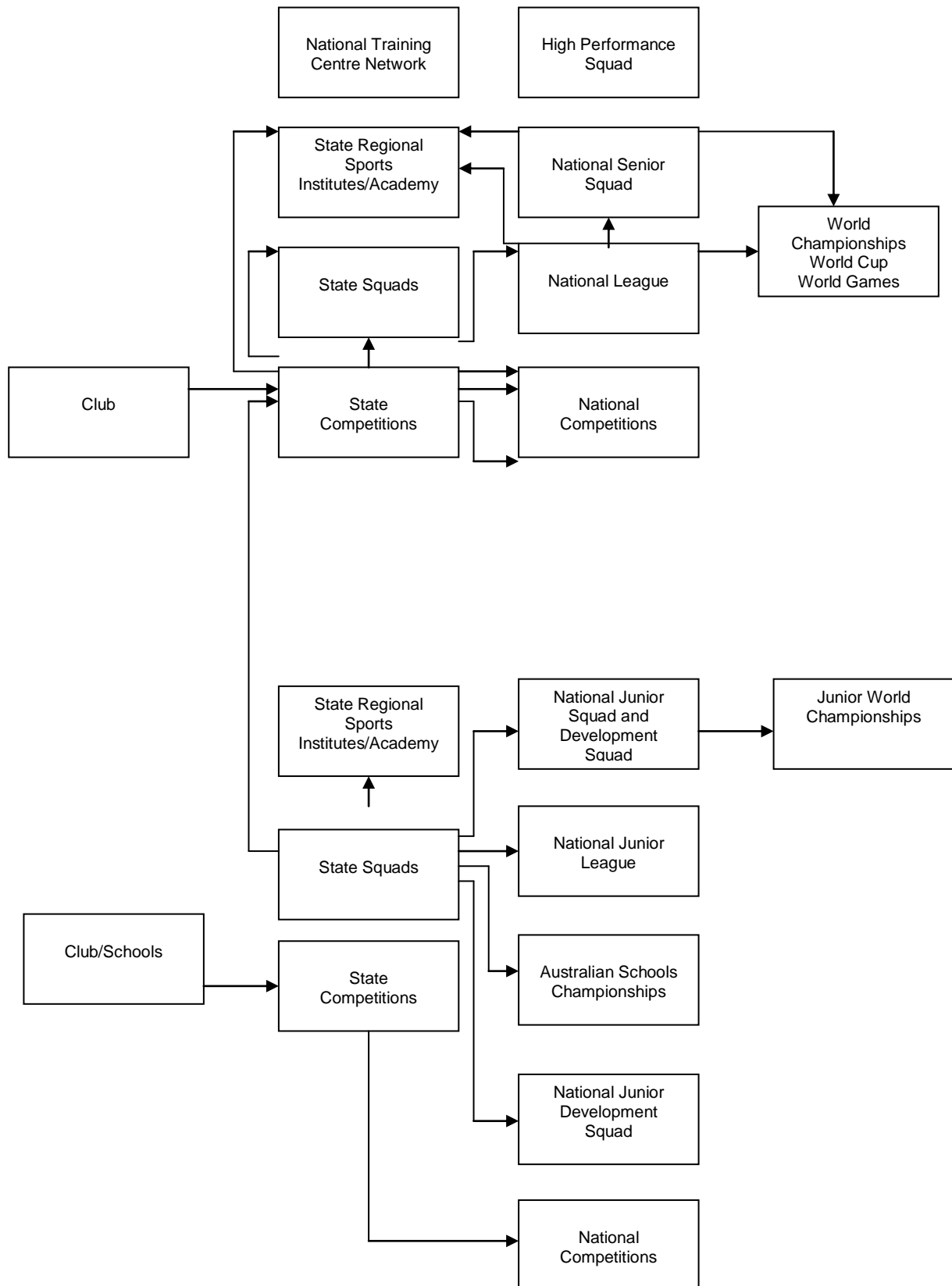
- National League events (Junior and Senior)
- Australian Schools Championships (Juniors only)
- World Championships (Junior and Senior)
- Other international events (largely seniors)

The above events form part of the competition pathway, which in addition includes

- State competitions (Junior and Senior)
- National Competitions (Junior and Senior)

The components of the pathway and the competition structure are summarised in the following diagrams. The competition pathway covers a number of foot orienteering disciplines, mapped to the current disciplines defined by the International Orienteering Federation for events at World Championship level.

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Appendix A: Selection for National Orienteering League Events

Purpose:

To give guidance to the state selectors in a situation where teams need to be formed from among the Southern Arrows.

Criteria:

Selection where required is to be based on the results of a recent race which the majority of Arrows have run. For example in 2010 for the Australian Relay Championships the selectors were advised that final team composition was to be determined by the results of the Australian Middle Distance Championships.

Note: A selection process will not apply to all NOL races since the aim is to be as inclusive as possible