



## Secondary School Sport SA and Orienteering SA Inc.



### Secondary Schools Sport SA Orienteering Team – Selection Guidelines

#### **Change History:**

Date	Comment
Dec 2003	Adopted by Orienteering SA Council
20th Feb 2008	Re-written and adopted by Orienteering SA Council
20th Jan 2009	Minor corrections and additional sentence re attendance.
24th Feb 2011	Minor changes to reflect our change of name.
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2012	Age eligibility amended to match current national guidelines

School students who meet the following eligibility criteria, and who wish to be considered for selection in the South Australian Schools Orienteering team, should complete a nomination form and return it to the Schools Team Manager before the specified cut off date which must be clearly shown on the nomination form. This date will be determined by the selection committee each year. If there are less than four nominations in any age class selectors have the option to call for further nominations.

The manager will notify selectors of all nominations. Selectors will only analyse the results of students who have submitted their nomination form.

**Eligibility:** Any school student attending a school affiliated with SSSSA or SAPSASA who is between 12 and 19 years of age as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December in the year of competition. The student, if not a member of an affiliated Club with Orienteering SA, must join a club once selected.

The team will be selected following the last trial, and announced at a date and venue to be advised.

**State selection trials** are identified in the Orienteering SA annual orienteering program with **SST** marked alongside the event.

Performance at major interstate events will also be observed. This includes results from the Easter 3-day competition and NOL rounds. Attendance at these events is encouraged but due to the difficulty of attending these events it is not compulsory.

#### **Attendance**

1. Regular orienteers are expected **to attend at least four state selection trials (SST)**.
2. Country applicants to attend at least two selection trials.
3. If travel to Adelaide is necessary, financial help may be available from Orienteering SA on application prior to the trial through the manager.
4. If injury /sickness/other special circumstances prevent attendance, written notification to chairperson of selection panel within seven days of trial. A medical certificate may be required in the case of injury/sickness

Attendance at all state selection trials is strongly recommended to give the best opportunity for good results.

#### **Code of Behaviour**

By nominating for selection students are agreeing to abide by the SSSSA Code of Conduct for students.

- Be a good sport
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself
- Treat all team-mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself
- Play by the rules
- Co-operate with team and game officials
- Control your behaviour on and off the field
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement

### **Removal from the Selected Team**

Any of the selected students who:

1. Breaches or fails to observe this policy, the Code of Conduct and / or the terms of a letter of selection / contract (i.e. Player's Agreement Form)
2. By reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the Selection Panel (after having received advice from a medical practitioner);
3. Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of the SSA Anti-Doping Policy and the SA School Sport Unit Banned Substances Policy; or
4. The Principal of the school at which the student is attending refuses to complete the Bona Fide Certificate

Any selected student may also be removed from any selected squad or team by the Selection Committee in consultation with the School Sport Officer as the circumstances may require including where the student has failed to sustain their performance and attitude to a satisfactory level, provided that the required performance levels had first been discussed with the individual and the individual had been given the opportunity to attain those performance levels.

### **Appeal**

An aggrieved person may appeal against the failure of the Selection Panel to comply with the procedures set down in this Policy. An appeal may only be made on procedural grounds and *not on* the merits of a particular selection decision.

### **Procedure for Appeal**

1. Any appeal against a decision of the Selection Panel must be made within seven (7) days of the final team squad selection.
2. The appeal must be lodged in writing with the School Sport Officer (SSSSA) setting out:
  - a) The decision of the Selection Panel in question;
  - b) The procedural grounds on which the appeal is made; and
  - c) The reasons

**Failure** to comply by the State Schools Selection process, assessment and rules may affect selection.

The team will be announced as soon as possible following the final selection trial by email and on the Orienteering SA and SSSSA website. After the announcement all juniors selected should accept or decline within 3 days. Within **2 weeks** of the announcement a deposit must be made. More information will be available closer to the date. Extenuating circumstances will result in the deposit being fully refunded.

### **Courses**

At any Championship, Badge or OY Event candidates can run their normal age class. At other selection events candidates in each group shall run the same course. This course will be nominated by the SSSSA coach and state selectors after consultation with event organisers, and listed in the event information on the day. Nominees may be able to run a different course if they consult with a selector.

### **Selection Process**

The team will be selected by the State Selection Panel of three appointed by Orienteering SA and the schools team coach in an advisory capacity. At least one of the selectors should not be a team official. Appointment is for a one year period.

- Coach to chair panel and to have casting vote if required.
- Any selector with a family interest to abstain from voting in that age group.
- All selectors to sign off on selection made.

Selection will be based on performance considering the following:

- Ability to perform under pressure
- Consistent performance with minimal navigational mistakes

Selectors will also assess:

- reasons for DNF/miss punch
- potential of runners showing orienteering ability

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- performance over different terrain
- percentage behind winner
- kilometre rates
- team commitment
- dedicated approach to training
- performance and improvement in time trials (if applicable)

### **Other Information**

All students selected need ratification from Orienteering SA Executive before the team is announced and then the relevant school principal's certification and approval.

Team standard permitting, a full team of four, plus two reserves, to be named for each age group.