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Overview

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which UK Obstacle Sports Federation (UKOSF) will determine its selection for Team UK at the 2020 FISO OCR World Championships (“the Championship”). In all cases, selection will be conditional on athletes meeting the eligibility criteria outlined and signing the Team Members Agreement (“TMA”).

UKOSF intends to select a team, detailed below, with the following aims in priority order:

1. To maximise medals at the Championship;
2. To maximise top 10 elite placings at the Championship;
3. To ensure representation within age groups with limited planned athlete participation at the Championship;
4. To give all athletes a fair opportunity to demonstrate their form prior to full team selection while also enabling selected athletes time to book the required travel;
5. To select individual athletes demonstrating future elite medal potential;
6. To maximise top 10 age group placings at the Championship.

Note 1: Athletes are strongly encouraged to attend competitive races in March or April 2020 as the majority of team selections will be made by April 28th 2020 to allow amateur athletes the opportunity to book travel at the most affordable prices.

Note 2: Athletes may be selected to represent Team UK in one, two or all three individual OCR disciplines at the Championship.

Note 3: All athletes selected are expected to be available for selection for the National Team Race(s). Teams will be chosen in selection phase 6 and 7.

Note 4: Athletes may be selected for an Age Group competitive category before subsequently being selected for an Elite competitive category.

Note 5: UKOSF intends to hold UK trials from 2021 onwards to enable automatic selection of athletes with top placings in the relevant disciplines.

SECTION 1: SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must:
 - a. Be included on the selection shortlist by:
 - i. Receiving a nomination from a member of the Athlete Information Team.
 - ii. Or self-nominating themselves for selection via the UKOSF website.
See: www.ukosf.org/fiso-ocr-world-championship
 - iii. Attending a UKOSF selection event (if any) in 2020.
 - iv. Racing at least one adjudicated OCR discipline in the previous twelve months prior to selection with verified online results.
 - b. Be a 2020 UKOSF member.
 - c. Hold a British passport valid until at least 31st March 2021 or hold a British Overseas Territory (BOT) passport valid until 31st March 2021 (unless the BOT has its own National Olympic Committee (NOC)).
 - d. Not have represented another federation in the previous 24 months.
 - e. Be 18 years or older on race day.
 - f. Organise appropriate travel and insurance arrangements for the Championship.
 - g. Sign the TMA and abide by its terms and conditions.

Selection announcements and process

1. Athletes will be selected in seven phases by the Athlete Selection Panel.
 - a. Phase 1: January 7th
 - b. Phase 2: March 31st
 - c. Phase 3: April 28th
 - d. Phase 4: May 26th
 - e. Phase 5: June 30th
 - f. Phase 6: July 23rd (Provisional National Team Race selections)
 - g. Phase 7: August 26th (Final National Team Race selections)
2. Selection announcements will be made as soon as possible after these dates.
3. The Panel is free to select as many athletes as desired during each phase of selection in order to fulfil the prioritised objectives of team selection.
4. All individual athlete selections will be made by June 30th.
5. The Athlete Selection Panel may select National Team Race specialists who have not been selected in individual OCR disciplines.

6. Each selection announcement will be published on ukosf.org. Shortlisted athletes will be contacted prior to the announcement to confirm that they meet the eligibility criteria and their acceptance of the TMA.
7. The Athlete Selection Panel shall comprise as follows:
 - a. No more than 10 individuals
 - b. No one eligible to represent the UK at the Championships
 - c. Non-voting chairperson
 - d. Representation from each of the Home Nations*
 - e. Media representation*
 - f. Coaching representation*
 - g. Members independent of other UKOSF activities*

* As the panel is voluntary, bullets d-g. cannot be guaranteed.

8. The Panel will determine selections through athlete performances, recent race history and previous major competition history.
9. In a circumstance where the Panel can not make a final decision, the UKOSF Executive Team (excluding any competing Team UK athletes) will arbitrate until a decision is made.
10. The Athlete Selection Panel will be supported by Athlete Information Team who will provide athlete nominations to the Panel. This team will shall comprise as follows:
 - a. No more than 10 individuals
 - b. OCR athletes
 - c. Coaching representation*
 - d. Statistician*
 - e. Representation from each of the Home Nations*

* As the information team is voluntary, bullets c., d. & e cannot be guaranteed.

11. Only the Athlete Selection Panel will carry voting rights in the selection process. The Athlete Information Team will provide athlete shortlists at least seven days prior to each selection phase deadline. This communication will be managed by a non-competing team member only.
12. Selections will be subject to the maximum quota for each competitive category as permitted by FISO for the Championship.
13. Double selection
 - a. Athletes may be selected for an Age Group competitive category prior to being selected for an Elite competitive category in a future selection phase.

- b. In such a circumstance the Age Group selection will be withdrawn.
- c. Athletes may be selected for one competitive category and then subsequently selected for another competitive category in a future selection phase.

14. Reserves

1. The Panel may select up to two additional reserves for any event.

SECTION 2: GENERAL PROVISIONS

De-selection and replacements

1. Athletes may be de-selected due to:
 - a. Illness or injury
 - b. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the TMA
2. In such circumstances replacements will be selected (in order of execution):
 - a. Via the selection of a reserve
 - b. During a future selection phase
 - c. Via an ad hoc panel selection specific to gap created by the deselection

Appeals

1. Athletes may appeal their non-selection and/or deselection (as applicable), but only after the relevant final selection date. This can be done via <https://ukosf.org/contact-us/>.

Amendment

1. UKOSF reserves the right to amend this Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.ukosf.org.