

## **UKOSF National Athlete Council**

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#### **Overview**

The National Athlete Council (NAC) are the elite athlete representatives for UKOSF acting as a source of opinion and advice on policies that affect competitive obstacle sports in the UK.

The UKOSF require 8-10 competitive international standard representatives to serve on this council. This is a public voluntary role in line with the UKOSFs commitment to transparency and fair competition.

#### **SECTION 1: THE ROLE**

The NAC is connected to the [International Athlete Advisory Council](#) via the Athlete Advisory Board (AAB) and the Western Europe delegates of the council (Ms. Ida Mathilda Steensgaard (DEN), Mr. Thomas Buyl (BEL)).

#### **Responsibilities:**

The NAC members will perform the following activities with the aim of helping the UKOSF create a fair system for competition:

1. To consider policies and processes devised by the UKOSF for competitive obstacle course racing in the UK
2. Provide constructive feedback based on evidence and experience competing at a high level
3. Provide thoughtful discussion on topics posed by the UKOSF in a timely manner
4. To recommend, without personal bias, previous and potential systems of rules used in races to create solutions that enable fair competition
5. To communicate issues not previously recognised by the UKOSF
6. Qualification procedures for the selection of members to the elite national team
7. Event disciplines and formats
8. The establishment and maintenance of elite national rankings
9. To be transparent in the contribution of aiding decisions within the UKOSF and community

All athletes selected are expected to be committed to contributing discussions at various times throughout the year.

The NAC shall comprise as follows:

- a. No more than 10 individuals
- b. Elite athletes according to the below eligibility criteria
- c. At least five female athletes
- d. A Chairperson

## **SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS**

### **Eligibility**

In line with the FISO AAB standards, UK NAC representatives must demonstrate one of the following:

- Engagement in obstacle course racing, finishing within the top three of the elite field in a national event, within 24 months of election.
- Represented the UK in an elite obstacle sports competition at a World or Continental Championships organised by FISO.

Further, to be considered for nomination, athletes must:

1. Be a current UKOSF member
2. Receive a nomination from a member of UKOSF
3. Be 18 years or older in 2020
4. Sign the NAC Team Members Agreement
5. Have placed highly at other regional and world standard events, including, and not limited to, Spartan European or World Championships, National Ninja League and OCR World Series Final.

### **Selection process**

1. Approval of nominated athletes will be made by the UKOSF Competition & Safety Commission.
2. Having met the eligibility criteria, nominated athletes may accept the role by signing the NAC Team Members Agreement (TMA).
3. NAC representatives will be published on the UKOSF website.

## **SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **De-selection and replacements**

1. Athletes may be de-selected due to:
  - a. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the NAC TMA
  - b. After serving more than 24 months on the NAC
2. In such circumstances replacements will be selected via the selection process outlined in this document.

### **Amendments**

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](http://www.ukosf.org).