

Orienteering ACT

2025 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships

Brisbane, Queensland, 27 September - 5 October ACT

Team Selection Criteria and Information

An ACT team will be selected to compete in the 2025 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships ('ASOC'). This year's championships will be held in Brisbane QLD as part of the 2025 Championship carnival, running from 27 September to 5 October.

All keen school-aged ACT Orienteers who are capably running moderate courses (junior category - see below) or hard courses (senior category - see below) are encouraged to nominate for selection and compete in the team trials.

Australian Championships Program

Saturday 27 September	Australian Championships Sprint
Sunday 28 September	Australian Championships Long
Monday 29 September	Rest Day
<i>Tuesday 30 September</i>	<i>Schools Championships Sprint</i>
<i>Wednesday 1 October</i>	<i>Schools Championships Long</i>
<i>Thursday 2 October</i>	<i>Schools Championships Relay</i>
Friday 3 October	Rest Day
Saturday 4 October	Australian Championships Relay
Sunday 5 October	Australian Championships Middle

All team athletes will compete in all races.

Further information is available on the [carnival website](#) and in the event bulletins as they are published

Further information on specific ACT team arrangements will be provided by the ASOC team managers once the team has been selected.

Team Composition

The team will comprise of up to 20 total athletes in following four classes – with a maximum of 6 athletes per class:

- Junior Girls, 15 years and under
- Senior Girls, 16 years and over
- Junior Boys 15 Years and under
- Senior Boys 16 years and over

Age is taken as at 31 December 2025.

The selectors will aim to select at least four athletes who meet the minimum standard in each class. Additional athletes who meet the minimum standard may then also be selected. Additional athletes will initially be assigned one per class. That is: one additional junior girl, one additional junior boy etc. until there are a total of five athletes selected in each class, for a total team of 20.

If there are fewer than five nominees of a suitable standard in one or more of the classes, then further additional athletes may be selected in the other classes, up to a total of six athletes in any class. In this case, the selection of further additional athletes will be based on selecting the remaining nominees whose performances were closest to those athletes already selected in each class.

Minimum Standard

Only athletes of the applicable minimum standard will be selected.

The minimum standard is that nominees must demonstrate, through their attendance at the selection trials, that they can complete courses of the applicable length and difficulty for their ASOC class, in relevant championship level terrain.

Junior Girls/Boys must be able to complete courses of moderate technical difficulty of the relevant length for their age class (long distance winning time of 35-40 minutes).

Senior Girls/Boys must be able to complete courses of hard technical difficulty of the relevant length for their age class (long distance winning time of 45-50 minutes).

All nominees are expected to obey the rules of orienteering, uphold the values of fair play, and show respect to competitors, event organisers, team coaches and managers throughout the selection process.

Eligibility

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must:

1. Attend school in the ACT or, if they attend school in NSW, be a member of an ACT orienteering club. Athletes must be at least 12 years of age at 31 December 2025.
2. Be fully paid current members of Orienteering ACT.
3. Nominate for selection by completing the attached form* and email it to Orienteering ACT Office (office@act.orienteering.asn.au) by **Thursday 27 February 2025**. Late nominations may still be accepted after this date. Note that only athletes and their parents/guardians may make nominations. Nominations from coaches will not be accepted.

**The nomination form must include the nominee's name, parent/guardian name and contacts, including email and phone, date of birth), and expected competition class.*

Selection Criteria

1. At a minimum, all nominees must demonstrate that they can meet the minimum standard described above through their attendance and course completion of the assigned courses at the selection trials.
2. The primary selection criterion will be performance in the assigned selection trials, listed below.
3. As secondary criteria, the selectors may consider:
 - Nominees' commitment to improving performance through regular attendance at local events and Blue Lightning training sessions.
 - Performances at other recent and upcoming state or national level events.

Selection Trials

Performances in the selection trials are the primary criteria for team selection. **Nominees are expected to compete in all selection trials.**

- Selection Trial 1: ACT Sprint Championships, National Botanic Gardens, Sunday 16 March
- Selection Trial 2: ACT Classic Series: ACT League #4, Tidbinbilla, Sunday 18 May
- Selection Trial 3: ACT Classic Series: Jim Sawkins Handicap AL#5, Saturday 31 May
- Selection Trial 4: ACT Classic Series: ACT League #6: Picaree Hill, Sunday 22 June

All selection trial venues are embargoed, nominees must not train or reconnoitre at any of the venues until after the applicable selection trial.

Nominees will be advised of which course/class to enter prior to each selection race event. Nominees must compete in the assigned course/class; performances in a different course/class at the same event may be disregarded by the selectors, even when that course/class is longer or more challenging than that assigned for the selection trial.

Nominees will be randomly allocated and advised of fixed start times for some of the selection trials.

Most of the selection trials are pre-entry events. It is the nominating athlete's responsibility to ensure that they enter each event on time and in the correct course/class. N.B.:Nominees must enter each of the selection trial events separately in addition to nominating for selection in the team.

Course maps may be on display prior to the start for the public at the selection race events. Athletes must not look at the course maps prior to their start.

Athletes who are unable to compete in one or more of the selection trials for any reason must advise the Orienteering ACT Office via email and nominate a result from a suitable substitute event for consideration.

Suitable substitute events include recent and upcoming National and State League events, such as:

- The 2025 Oceania Championships
- The 2025 ACT Middle and Long Distance Championships
- The 2025 Australian 3 Days
- The Kings Birthday 3 Days
- Other 2025 ACT League and NSW State League events

Special Consideration

Special consideration may be given to any competitor who is unable to compete, or whose performance is adversely affected, in one or more selection trials due to injury, illness, or other circumstances. Notification should be made in writing to the Orienteering ACT Office, including listing alternative events to be taken into consideration.

Team Announcement

All nominees will be advised of the outcome of the trials in the week following the final selection race.

Independent Students at Australian Schools Championships

Students who are not selected in the ACT team may still compete in the ASOC. These students are referred to as 'Independent students'. Independent students must be endorsed by Orienteering ACT as having demonstrated the competencies necessary to compete in their ASOC class.

Students seeking endorsement as independent students **must meet the same minimum standard as ASOC team nominees and are also expected to demonstrate this through their participation in the selection trials.**

Independent students compete in the same competition classes and must meet the same eligibility criteria as schools team members.

Details of the nomination process for independent students seeking Orienteering ACT endorsement will be published at a later date.

ASOC 2025 NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name

School Attended

Date of Birth

Expected age-class

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian email contact

Parent/Guardian phone contact

Parent /Guardian Signature:_____

Date:_____

RETURN to OACT OFFICE (office@act.orienteeing.asn.au)
by **Thursday 27 February 2025**