

## Selection Opportunities for Scottish Juniors

There are lots of opportunities for Scottish Juniors to be selected to compete for their country (Scotland and Britain) and/or to attend training camps. This document attempts to put information about all these opportunities into one place, highlighting which age groups can be considered for selection for each.

### 1. Junior Regional O Squads (JROS) Camps

These camps are organised by the Association of Junior Regional Squads (JROS) aimed at giving experience to as many juniors as possible across the age groups.

Full details of all these camps are available at [jros.org.uk](http://jros.org.uk). The website also has details and videos showing previous camps and how much fun they are.

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<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Juniors being nominated will have achieved championship standard* in at least one of the following races.		
<b>Location</b>	Lagganlia, Feshiebridge			
<b>Eligibility:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year M/W 14 (Born 2006)	Scottish Championships	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	
<b>How to apply?</b>	ScotJOS Management Team will nominate all juniors who meet the eligibility criteria. JROS selectors will then allocate places.	Midland Championships	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	TBC 2020
		Northern Championships	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
		Southern Championships	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2019	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020
		JK Day 2	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
		JK Day 3	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
		British Long Championships	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
		British Middle Championships	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
		<i>*Their time will be within 1.25 times the winner's time</i>		

DEESIDE		Selection Races and Criteria		
<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Best 3 results (based on their average percentage of time behind the winner) at the following races:-		
<b>Location</b>	Deeside, Templars Park			
<b>Eligibility:</b>	M/W 16 (Born 2004 or 2005)	British Long Distance Champs	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	
<b>How to apply?</b>	No application needs to be made, JROS selectors will automatically consider any juniors who meet the selection and eligibility criteria.	JK Day 1 Sprint	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
		JK Day 2	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
		JK Day 3	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
		Blakeholme Middle Distance	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
		Windermere Sprint	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
		Please note that any athlete may count ONLY one sprint race as one of their best three results.		



## 2. British Orienteering Teams and Talent Squad

British Orienteering selects juniors for the Talent Squad, invitees to training camps and teams for international junior competitions. Full details of this selection process are available at <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/Selection> (Look at both the Overview and the Junior Selection Document)

### Opportunities - Competitions:

Selectors will be looking to decide the British teams for the following competitions:-

- **JWOC Junior World Championships**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**  
**Turkey**  
The aim is to select athletes who are performance-based and have demonstrated that they can deliver top 20 targets at JWOC, either immediately or in future years.
- **EYOC European Youth Orienteering Championships**  
**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**  
**Hungary:**  
The aim is to select athletes who have demonstrated strong and consistent levels of performance and is primarily aimed towards second year M/W16's and first/second year M/W18's.
- **JEC Junior European Cup**  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
The aim is to select athletes for international experience and development and is primarily aimed towards those who have **not** been selected for EYOC/JWOC in 2020 and have demonstrated appropriate levels of performance at the nominated selection races.

### Opportunities – Training Camps:

They will also be selecting juniors in M/W16 (and some 1<sup>st</sup> year M/W 18's) to attend a Talent Induction Squad training camp in Snowdonia in the summer (dates to be confirmed but provisionally during Croesco), as well as M/W 16, 18 and 20s to attend a pre-JWOC 2021 camp in Portugal.

### Selection Races:

There are six selection races and juniors seeking selection are expected to attend **all** 6 races. The selection races are open to all juniors

British Championships	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	Golden Valley & Cogner Woods, Hampshire
JK Sprint (Day 1)	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Stockton Riverside
JK Middle (Day 2)	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Sneaton Forest West
JK Long (Day 3)	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Pickering Forest
Blakeholme Middle	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	(Spring in the Lakes Weekend)
Windermere Sprint	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Special Junior Sprint Selection Race

### Selection Criteria

Junior athletes are given the opportunity to show strong and consistent form over two (2) nominated races in each discipline, as listed above, in the early competitive season. Form will be assessed via a range of variables including race position, time, pace and percentage behind the winning time. To determine progress, results from selection races and international competitions will also be analysed from the previous year. If an athlete has a valid reason for not racing in any of the above races, they should write to the Head Coach for Talent, explaining the reason for their absence, so that they may still be considered for selection.

Whilst it may be desirable to take a full team, the selectors may not select for all positions, at a specific competition, if they feel that the standard of athlete will not contribute towards the overall aims and objectives of the programme.

The selectors will also consider:

- Race disciplines, terrain and nature of the courses both within the selection criteria and at the relevant international competitions;
- Exceptional young athletes who will benefit from the experience and are considered prospects to achieve top 20 positions in future JWOCs;
- Athletes that can or have demonstrated commitment to their own development;
- The opportunities that athletes may have had and the fatigue they may experience across the programme as a whole;
- The demonstration to performance staff their readiness to compete, including appropriate physical, mental and technical competence;
- Adherence to the Code of Conduct and any outstanding disciplinary matters.

The criteria above are not listed in any order of priority and the selection panel will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions.

#### **Timeline:**

Selections for training camps, EYOC, JWOC and the preliminary team for JEC will be announced at the beginning of May. After the summer training camps, the final team for JEC will be decided and the Talent squad for 2020 will be confirmed.

### **3. Junior Home International and Junior Inter Regional**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
Junior Inter Regionals (JIRC)	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	South Central (Southampton Area)	M/W 14 M/W 16 M/W 18
Junior Home Internationals (JHI)	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Haslemere (South Downs)	M/W 14 M/W 16 M/W 18

**Eligibility:** Scotland can take a team of 4 athletes in each age group, M/W 14, 16, 18, all of whom must be resident in Scotland, born in Scotland or have a parent who was born in Scotland.

**Selection Criteria:** Scotland aims to take the strongest possible team to the Junior Home Internationals (Top 4 juniors in each age class) but for the Junior Inter Regionals will spread the selections where appropriate to select the top 2 juniors, plus 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in each age class. Selectors will consider performance of juniors over the season and all known form. They will look at performance at a range of events, placing most emphasis on results achieved at major national events. Events which will be considered are:-

JK, British Champs, Scottish Champs – first choice

SOLs, Jamie Stevenson, Scottish 6-Days (when happening) – second choice

### **4. Scottish Junior Orienteering Squad**

The Scottish Junior Orienteering Squad (ScotJOS) exists to provide a coaching and development programme for young Scottish orienteers, M/W14 – 18, who show talent in the sport and commitment to improve their performance. The squad is selected each September and aims to focus resources on those who show potential to be top performers at national level in the future.

**ScotJOS 2021 selection** – the aim is to select a squad containing juniors who have performed at a high level at top races in Britain and have shown a commitment to the ethos of consistent training and striving for improvement.

Selectors will consider performance of juniors over the season and all known form. They will look at performance at a range of events, placing most emphasis on results achieved at major national events. Events which will be considered are:-

JK, British Champs, Scottish Champs – first choice

SOLs, Jamie Stevenson – second choice

Late starters and late developers who are deemed to have a high potential may be selected despite results not being as good as others in their age class. Please inform the ScotJOS coach (Jon Musgrave) of any injuries (especially long term ones) to allow informed decisions to be made

*As the selection takes place midway through the year, please note that second year M/W12s will not be selected.*