



# Orienteering Association of British Columbia Provincial Teams Selection Placeholder Policy

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Orienteering in BC is a club-based sport, and most competitions are organized at the local level. Race results are structured by age and gender-dependent competition classes. At this time, there are no province-wide leagues or interprovincial competitions in which our elite or junior orienteering athletes can regularly compete.

Both male and female junior (20 years old and younger) and elite runners (21+ years-old) compete in the open BC Orienteering Championships (BCOC) every year and may (juniors) or are expected to (seniors) compete in the annual Western Canadian Orienteering Championships (WCOC), the annual Canadian Orienteering Championships (COC) and the biennial North American Orienteering Championships (NAOC), in the years when these are offered.

OBC provides financial support to both junior and senior elite athletes according to the OBC Athlete Financial Support Policy.

## **Draft Future Provincial Teams Selection Process**

The OBC Board will appoint and empower a Provincial Teams Selection Committee (PTSC). Each year, after the major competitions (NAOC; COC; WCOC; BCOC) are finished, the race results for all athletes in the 14-18 year age classes and in the 19-21+ year elite age classes will be analyzed by the PTSC and reviewed with the relevant provincial and club coaches. Based on this information and consultation, the PTSC will select the members of the *Junior BC Orienteering Team* (combined male and female), and the *Senior BC Orienteering Team* (combined male and female) for the next calendar year.

The PTSC will also select the team coaches for both the *Junior BC Orienteering Team* and *Senior BC Orienteering Team*.