

Junior World Orienteering Championships

Dubbo, New South Wales

7th - 13th July 2007



2007 JUNIOR WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS (JWOC) SQUAD MEMBERS SELECTION - DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

After the final selection races due to take place next weekend on May 19th and 20th at the National Orienteering League events at Molong and Eugowra the final 12 members (and reserves) of Australian squad will be selected.

Team Manager Hilary Wood (Central Coast Orienteers) will be looking after the Australian team and be assisted by Tasmania's Hanny Allston, the 2006 JWOC Long Distance champion and Sprint Distance runner-up in Lithuania, and recently selected for this year's Australian World Orienteering Championship Senior Squad. Hanny was also Sprint Champion at last year's World Orienteering Championships in Denmark at the senior level.

For the first time in the history of Orienteering, the Junior World Championships will be held outside of Europe. Having been selected to host this prestigious event, the Orienteering Association of New South Wales on behalf of Orienteering Australia selected terrain near the Central Western city of Dubbo for the Championships.

The Championship events will be held over 5 days and consist of 4 disciplines – sprint (approx 3km), Middle Distance (approx. 5km), Long Distance (approx. 11Km) and a relay event (for teams of 3 runners). While the location for the Sprint event has already been announced as the Western Plains Zoo, the locations of the other competition areas remain secret until the day of the races.

With final entry confirmations due in mid-June, 29 countries have indicated participation, with the traditional, and generally stronger, orienteering European nations sending full squads of 6 male and 6 female orienteers. There have been some surprise entries and none more so than an entry from Mongolia – understood to be their first entry at any world championship level.

The Australian squad and officials will be available to meet with the press and media for photographs and interviews and to announce the team members at the Dubbo Civic Centre on Monday 21st May at 1:00pm prior to commencing a week long training camp in the Central West area, based at Orange.

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