

# South Australian orienteers ready to take on the world

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**Adelaide, 4 May 2022:** Orienteering South Australia is pleased to announce that five of its elite orienteers have been selected for the National Orienteering League teams for 2022, qualifying them to compete in the World Orienteering Championships to be held in Denmark in June; Junior World Orienteering Championships to be held in Portugal in July; and World University Championships to be held in Switzerland in August.

The selection process relies on the results of official National Orienteering League (NOL) races held over the course of the year.

The final selection for the national team was made following an extended Easter Orienteering Carnival, held in Queensland last month, which attracted over 650 competitors to the Kingaroy region for cross-country races, and to the Gold Coast for orienteering sprints.

Orienteering SA Coach-in-Residence Evalin Brautigam said that orienteering had become a popular spectator sport in Europe, attracting thousands of people.

"It's a massive logistics exercise for the host nation because many of these events happen in mountainous or forested areas, with sprint events being held mainly around complex university and school campuses," Ms Brautigam said.

Orienteering SA members Olivia Sprod, 26, Emily Sorensen, 21, and Angus Haines, 22, have been selected for the 11-member team that will contest the World Orienteering Championships in Denmark from the 26th to the 30th of June. The team will be coached by Natasha Key, a prominent coach and champion sprint orienteer from Victoria, with local assistance.

Joanna George, 19, and Ethan Penck, 20, have both been selected for the 12-person Junior World Orienteering Championships national team heading to Portugal from the 10th to the 16th of July. The JWOC national team will be led by head coach Warren Key and supported by Brett Weihart and Natasha Key as assistant coaches.

Joanna George, Emily Sorensen and Angus Haines have also been offered places in the World University Championships to be held in Switzerland from the 15th to the 22nd of August.

## Unique sport

Orienteering SA President Robert Tucker said the results demonstrate SA's prowess in this unique sport, which combines strategic navigation with map reading and moving at speed through a wide variety of environments.

"South Australia has produced world-beating orienteers like Simon Uppill and Emily Sorensen, and with the talent we now see coming through, we are sure to continue to produce amazing athletes."

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Orienteering SA is the peak body for orienteering in South Australia, an affiliate of Orienteering Australia, the national body. Orienteering SA's purpose is to create a strong community of lifelong orienteers, each enjoying a sense of inclusion, well-being and achievement, no matter what their age, stage of life, or fitness.

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