

The Review Panel is proud to announce the USA 2016 WOC Team:

Men

Giacomo Barbone
Eric Bone
Will Enger
Michael Laraia
Ross Smith
Team Alt: Greg Ahlswede

Women

Hannah Culberg
Alexandra Jospe
Kseniya Popova
Hillary Saeger
Samantha Saeger
Team Alt: Cristina Luis

ESC guidance:

- Select the best team to represent the USA at WOC.
- Select 4-6 men and 4-6 women. 6 should be selected only under unusual circumstances.
- Designate athletes for each race start and one reserve from the athletes already selected.

Team points determine the number of starts per nation for future WOCs (see <http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Special-Rules-for-WOC-150226.pdf>), so the RP prioritized assigning starts by points: Relay (240), Long and Middle (120 each), and Sprint / Sprint Relay (0 points). When assigning starts, the RP first considered TT performance in the related races. The RP also considered petitions (see below), athlete preferences, and fitness to compete in multiple events. When the need for rest prohibited multiple starts for a single athlete, forest races were prioritized over sprints. Finally, in accordance with the ESC guidance race reserves were assigned from the named athletes using the same criteria. The RP selected Team Alternates with strength in sprint and relays.

The RP received and evaluated the following petitions:

Hannah Culberg – petition for injury sustained during TT sprint and subsequent DNS in Long. Petition accepted; Hannah provided 8 examples of performance superior to the athletes she would displace, including 2 races at TT while injured

Kseniya Popova – petition for disqualification in TT sprint. Petition accepted; performance on forest races during TT superior to the athletes she would displace. Kseniya was not selected as a primary athlete for sprint events.

Greg Ahlswede – petition for sub-par performance during TT. Petition not accepted; provided evidence of outstanding performance, but insufficient evidence of superior performance to the athletes he would displace.

Team alternates will attend only if two athletes are unable to travel. If one is unable to travel, the Reserve will run as the primary and a the team will determine the new Reserve based on current athlete fitness.

Good luck, and Go USA!

Relay members will determine start order.

Automatic Selections:	Sprint Winner	Scoring First	Scoring Second	2016 WOC Team			
Men	Ross Smith	Eric Bone	Ross Smith	Team: Giacomo Barbone, Eric Bone, Will Enger, Michael Laraia, Ross Smith			Alt: Greg Ahlswede
Women	Samantha Saeger	Samantha Saeger	Alex Jospe	Team: Hannah Culberg, Alexandra Jospe, Kseniya Popova, Hillary Saeger, Samantha Saeger			Alt: Cristina Luis

	Sprint Qual/Final	Sprint Relay	Rest Day	Middle Final 120 points	Long Final 120 points	Rest Day	Relay 240 points
Men	Sat 20 Aug	Sun 21 Aug	Mon 22 Aug	Tues 23 Aug	Thur 25 Aug	Fri 26 Aug	Sat 27 Aug
1	Ross Smith (1)	Michael Laraia (2)	Rest Day	Ross Smith (2)	Eric Bone (1)	Rest Day	Eric Bone (1 overall)
2	Michael Laraia (2)	Giacomo Barbone (3)					Ross Smith (2 overall)
3	Will Enger (4)						Will Enger (3 overall)
Reserve	Giacomo Barbone (3)	Will Enger (4)		Michael Laraia (3)	Will Enger (2)		Giacomo Barbone (6 in middle, 3 in long, WOC experience)
Team Alternate	Greg Ahlswede (7 overall; 5 in sprint and middle)						

	Sprint Qual/Final	Sprint Relay	Rest Day	Middle Final 120 points	Long Final 120 points	Rest Day	Relay 240 points
Women							Samantha Saeger (1 overall)
1	Hillary Saeger (2)	Samantha Saeger (1)	Rest Day	Samantha Saeger (1)	Samantha Saeger (1)	Rest Day	Alex Jospe (2 overall)
2	Alex Jospe (3)	Hillary Saeger (2)		Kseniya Popova (2, P)	Alex Jospe (2)		Hannah Culberg (P)
3	Hannah Culberg (4)						
Reserve	Kseniya Popova (P)	Alex Jospe (3)		Hannah Culberg (4, P)	Hannah Culberg (P)		Kseniya Popova (P, 2 and 3 in TT forest races)
Team Alternate	Cristina Luis (5 overall, 5 in sprint, 7 in middle)						

Note: Numbers in parenthesis represent finish order for the most relevant TT race for Sprint Qual/Final, Sprint Relay, Middle and Long. For the Relay, numbers in parenthesis represent overall finish on the scoring list. Athletes named to a race as a result of a petition are denoted with a P.