

# Selection for WTOC 2025 (Hungary and Slovakia, 26-31 August 2025) – advance notice

## Introduction

This notice is to provide TrailO athletes with information about events in 2024 and 2025 relevant to the selection process for WTOC 2025. The Selection Policy in full will be published on the BO website later in 2024.

Athletes seeking selection should be aware that TrailO events in the UK offer very limited opportunity to experience the standard of competition encountered at a WTOC or ETOC. The biggest difference in other countries, compared to the UK, is in the quality of terrain available, especially that chosen for international competition. This often has, for instance, much more rock and subtler contour detail, together with other special features, than is found to any extent in the UK. International standard PreO events in other countries can also be very long, with more than 30 controls.

Athletes seeking selection for WTOC 2025 are therefore strongly encouraged to gain experience of competing in TrailO in other countries, particularly at European Cup in TrailO (ECTO) events, in addition to taking in all possible competition opportunities in the UK. The full ECTO 2024 fixture list can be found at <https://orienteering.sport/trailo/main-events/european-cup-in-trailo/>, and the 2025 list will be posted on the same link in December.

For WTOC 2025 in Hungary and Slovakia, the most relevant event is the ECTO event in these countries, 7-8 September 2024. For advice and help regarding entry, travel and accommodation for this and other ECTO events, contact Graham Urquhart, email [trailocommitteechair@britishorienteering.org.uk](mailto:trailocommitteechair@britishorienteering.org.uk).

Two Junior athletes (age class 20 or under) can be entered for WTOC, in addition to the standard four per PreO class and four for TempO.

## Events relevant for selection

The Selectors will take account of the standards candidates have achieved in domestic and international competition and the experience gained, particularly in 2024 and the Spring of 2025, but also to some extent in 2023. The events likely to be included are:

In the UK:

- British TrailO Championships 2024 and 2023
- Other British TrailO League (BritOL) events in 2024
- JK 2025 TrailO events and other BritOL events in 2025, up to the selection date

Outside the UK:

- European TrailO Championships 2024 and World TrailO Championships 2023
- All ECTO events in 2024, and in 2025 prior to the selection date
- Other international and foreign-country TrailO events in 2024 and early 2025