

# South African Orienteering Federation



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## **MID-YEAR REPORT OF THE SAOF SELECTION COMMITTEE 2010/2011**

Following selections in September 2010, the Selection Committee was convened by the SAOF Vice President of Technical. Following this, myself, Michele Botha, was re-elected by the Selection Committee as Chairperson.

It was agreed by the Selection Committee that a Youth Squad be created as a stepping stone to develop talented youths. The Squad Definitions document was therefore amended to give affect to these changes. Also, the 2011 Season Selection document was finalized. Both are available on the [www.orienteing.co.za](http://www.orienteing.co.za) website for viewing.

In November 2010 a call was made to the Chairpersons of all SAOF the recognized clubs to nominate any athlete they deemed to qualify for the Senior, Junior, Youth and Development Squads. From the previous year's squad listings, nominations by clubs, nominations by selection Committee members and after due consideration by the Selection Committee the following squad members were announced:

### **Junior Squad:**

#### **Men: (In no particular order)**

Bradley Lund  
JP Sissing  
Anthony Stott

#### **Women: (In no particular order)**

Stephanie Courtnage  
Jessica Lund  
Jessica Hemer  
Sarah Pope  
Salome Van Hoepen

**Youth Squad:**

**Boys: (In no particular order)**

Roark Robinson  
Timothy Chambers

**Girls: (In no particular order)**

Laura Troost  
Cian Oldknow

Unfortunately Jessica Lund and JP Sissing both declined membership to their respective squads due to their commitments at University and Work respectively.

**Senior Squad:** (Note that this squad consists only of athletes who made themselves available to be a member of the senior squad)

**Men: (In no particular order)**

Nicholas Mulder  
Jeremy Green  
Alex Pope  
Garry Morrison  
Cobus Van Zyl  
Colin Dutkiewicz  
Nico Van Hoepen  
Michael Crone  
Martin Kleynhans

**Women: (In no particular order)**

Tania Wimberley  
Margaret Archibald  
Cindy Van Zyl  
Zoe Brentano

Of the above athletes only Nicholas Mulder, Michael Crone, Jeremy Green and Nico Van Hoepen made themselves available for WOC 2011 selection within the parameters set by the SAOF Selection Committee.

In addition to the above squads, SASCOC in 2011 requested the SAOF to nominate athletes for their OPEX (Operation Excellence) programme. After a majority vote the Selection Committee nominated the following athletes:

**Men: (In no particular order)**

Michael Crone  
Bradley Lund

**Women: (In no particular order)**

Stephanie Courtnage  
Salome Van Hoepen  
Sarah Pope

On a trial basis initiative all members of the above squads are required to attend 3000m fitness tests on the following dates:

15 February 2011

18 April 2011  
13 June 2011

The results of the first track time trial are as follows:

Name	Gender	Squad	Altitude	Time
Michael Crone	M	Senior	Altitude	10.27
Garry Morrison	M	Senior	Altitude	10.50
Martin Kleynhans	M	Senior	Coast	11.08
Alex Pope	M	Senior	Altitude	11.18
Timothy Chambers	M	Youth	Altitude	11.26
Cian Oldknow	F	Youth	Altitude	11.29
Bradley Lund	M	Junior	Altitude	11.29
Nicholas Mulder	M	Senior	Altitude	11.57
Jeremy Green	M	Senior	Altitude	12.00
Roark Robinson	M	Youth	Coast	12.20
Nico Van Hoepen	M	Senior	Altitude	12.27
Anthony Stott	M	Junior	Altitude	13.16
Tania Wimberley	F	Senior	Altitude	13.37
Sarah Pope	F	Junior	Altitude	13.39
Zoe Brentano	F	Senior	Altitude	13.45
Margaret Archibald	F	Senior	Coast	13.58
Jessica Hemer	F	Junior	Altitude	15.26
Laura Troost	F	Youth	Coast	16.25
Salome Van Hoepen	F	Junior	Altitude	Injured
Stephanie Courtnage	F	Junior	Altitude	Injured

Whilst this year there are no set times which athletes have to achieve in order to be selected to a national team this will come into consideration in future by future Selection Committees.

All national teams are to be selected and announced following the running of the Western Cape Provincial Championships from 9-10 April 2011.

Current issues:

Due to an enquiry from a member of the orienteering community, the Selection Committee will have to amend the Selection Documents so as to clearly convey the SAOF's intentions regarding the fluidity of the Youth and/ or Junior squads and whether athletes can be nominated/ selected to these squads mid-year and hence obtain the benefit of coaching by the national junior coach and national youth coach, as well as attending training camps.

Also under consideration is the ability of other talented youths who are not members of the junior or youth squads to attend training sessions/training camps hosted by the national coach. The decision should be made by the SAOF as to whether this is a call that can be made by the Coach hosting the training session/ and/ or training camp. In making this call, the coach should take into account

logistical considerations and be guided with respect to any ethical questions which may arise in allowing such participation. Also to be considered is whether such applications by talented youths would be on a first come first serve basis or some other basis – such policy will need to be conveyed to all clubs so as to ensure transparency.

Selection issues are always very contentious and clear policy directives must be documented and publicised in order to reduce the frequency of such issues. To this end much has already been done by the SAOF and the Selection Committee to document these policies and publicise them. However, we should not be afraid to constantly update and amend these documents to ensure that they reflect the SAOF and the Selection Committee's true intentions in plain English which can best be interpreted by the orienteering community.

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