

# **FUNDING OF PARTICIPANTS IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

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1 Orienteering Australia regularly enters teams in international events (such as World Championships, Junior World Championships and World MTBO Championships). On occasions, individuals may also wish to enter 'closed' events for which entries must be made by national federations (such as the Nordic Championships or World Cup events). Any individuals entering such events must be of a suitable standard and, if not part of an official selected team, must be endorsed by the Director (High Performance) on the advice of the Chair of the relevant selection panel.

2 There is normally an entry fee for these events. (At some events, this entry fee covers transport, accommodation or both; at others these are paid separately).

3 The following will apply for the payment of team/competitor expenses, including entry fees, accommodation/transport, uniforms, training camp costs and travel subsidies (if any).

- a) Orienteering Australia may make a budget allocation for the event. This allocation may be used to cover expenses of the team management and other team expenses, as well as items attributable to individuals. Under current policy, there is a budget allocation for the World Championships, Junior World Championships and MTBO World Championships. There is currently no budget allocation for World Cup events or other international events (except for Bushrangers Test matches). At present, 10% of the budget for World Championships and MTBO World Championships teams is reserved for direct athlete support (see point 5 below). The budget allocation may be reduced if the team size is smaller than anticipated.
- b) If it is anticipated that the total costs of the team will exceed the budget allocation (if any), participants may be billed ahead of the event for the estimated shortfall. (It is recommended that this be set at the maximum likely shortfall, to avoid a situation where participants may have to be billed a second time). OA endorsement of each participant's entry will be conditional on payment of this amount.
- c) If payments have been made by participants as per (2) above, once the team accounts have been finalized after the event, if there is a surplus this will be distributed to team members as a partial refund. If there is a further shortfall this will also be billed to participants.
- d) If funds remain in a team budget after payment of all costs, and taking into account any amounts reserved for direct athlete support, see subparagraph e), this may be distributed to team members as a travel subsidy. This will be limited to the amount paid by the participant to travel to the event (in the case where overseas-based team members have returned to Australia for a selection trial, the cost of this may be used as a substitute).

- e) For some events, eg World Championships, direct athlete support (DAS) is paid, based on performances. Points are allocated to each competitor who achieves a benchmark result, with the number of points per result being determined by the Director (High Performance) on an annual basis. The percentage of the total DAS funding paid to each competitor will be equal to the percentage of the total team points which they earn, with a maximum of 40% for any one individual. If an individual exceeds 40%, the excess over 40% will be returned to the overall team budget.

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