

# PROCEDURES FOR RULES, REGULATIONS, STANDING ORDERS

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### 1 Introduction

The Constitution of ~~the~~ Orienteering Australia states that: “The ~~Council-Federation~~ shall be empowered to approve, publish and enforce such Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders as it feels will be beneficial to the interests of ~~the~~ Orienteering Australia. A motion to create, amend or delete any Rule, Regulation or Standing Order must be proposed in writing to the meeting at which it is to be considered.”

This document has been prepared to set out the procedure to be taken to create, amend or delete a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order. Amendments to the Constitution are not covered under this policy and are the prerogative of Orienteering Australia General Meetings (usually the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Conference).

### 2 Approval

In all cases the creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order shall be proposed to a Orienteering Australia ~~Council-Board Meeting (usually the Annual General Meeting or Annual Conference) with due written notification of four weeks as required in the Constitution.~~ The voting to approve such creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order shall be by simple majority.

### 3 Board

The Board may directly propose such creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order ~~to a Orienteering Australia Council Meeting.~~ Wherever practicable, the Board will obtain the advice of the relevant Committee prior to submitting the proposal.

### 4 Committees

Any Committee of the Orienteering Australia may propose such creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order to a Orienteering Australia ~~Council-Board Meeting.~~ The Committee should seek the advice of the relevant Director (see Operational Manual ~~[new] Leaflet 1.4~~) or the President before making such a proposal.

### 5 States

Any State wishing to propose such creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order should first write to the Chair of the relevant Committee (or the Board if no relevant Committee exists). Only if the Committee ~~(or Board)~~ fails to take action on the matter by referring it to the Orienteering Australia ~~Council-Board~~ within one calendar year of the approach from the State, may that State propose such creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order directly to ~~a Meeting of the Orienteering Australia Council~~ the Board.

### 6 Individuals

Proposals must be submitted through one of the avenues outlined above. An individual member of a State association is not otherwise permitted to propose such creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order directly to ~~the~~ Orienteering Australia.

**Commented [b1]:** My inclination would be to delete this section and replace it with something which empowers states to propose these things and gives the Board responsibility of referring it to a relevant committee. Suggest:

“Any State wishing to propose such creation, amendment or deletion of a Rule, Regulation or Standing Order should make such a proposal to the Board. If appropriate, the Board may refer this to the relevant Committee and other stakeholders prior to making a decision on the proposal”.

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