Uptake of Eventor as a national membership and participation database

At the 2016 Conference, there was discussion of the full implementation of Eventor as a national membership and participation database. For Eventor to reach its full potential as a robust, verifiable record of national participation, we need to achieve 100% coverage of results uploaded in Eventor, whilst Eventor is also critical for us to have verifiable records of national membership.

(At present, one of the tools that ASC uses for assessing a sport's size is a public survey, and whilst the 2016 survey gave a reasonable result for us, a survey of that type has a large margin of error, and should future surveys produce an aberrant low result for us, we will need strong evidence to argue that the survey results are wrong).

We are pleased to report that there has been considerable progress towards these goals since the Conference. In particular, park/street events in Melbourne, which make up a substantial proportion of total national participation, are now generally reported in Eventor and we thank Orienteering Victoria for the work which has been done to implement this.

As far as we have been able to determine, the following events are either not appearing in Eventor at all, or are listed in Eventor but have no results. (There may be further events we do not know about).

ACT	Most Monday night park/street events, some mid-week and metro events
NSW	Some local events (e.g. Goldseekers, Newcastle MTBO)
Queensland	Some local events (e.g. Townsville)
SA	Top End events
Tasmania	None known
Victoria	Summer MTBO events, a few (not many) Melbourne park/street events, some AWOC local events
WA	None known

Whilst the majority of the events listed are small local events (and many of them probably use manual punching and manually prepared results), information about them is still valuable, especially to demonstrate the penetration of orienteering in regional areas to external stakeholders.

We also continue to make progress towards getting full coverage of memberships (including casual memberships) in Eventor. The most significant barrier identified at the Conference was that of administering casual memberships to be added to the database in bulk. There are methods of doing this which should not be much more difficult than adding the information to a spreadsheet.

Recommendation

That all states continue to work to achieve 100% coverage of event results and memberships (including casual memberships) in Eventor.

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