

Orienteering Australia Athlete of the Year Policy

Aim

The purpose of the Orienteering Australia Athlete of the Year award is to publicly recognize the most outstanding performance(s) in elite orienteering competition in a given calendar year.

Eligibility

Athletes eligible for the award are elite, male or female, foot or MTBO orienteers.

Exclusion

Athletes will be ineligible for the award if they have;

- (a) been suspended from competition by the IOF or any of its affiliated national associations, the OA or an affiliated state/territory association,
- (b) refused or declined to undergo a drug test, or if the test detects a prohibited drug or stimulant or prohibited practice as set out in the OA Anti-doping Policy or,
- (c) engaged in conduct that, in the opinion of OA, damages the image of OA or orienteering, as set out in the OA Member Protection Policy,

The Award

The Orienteering Australia Athlete of the Year award will be in the form of a medallion, presented at the annual Orienteering Australia Awards evening. The name of the athlete and the year of the award engraved on the medallion

Voting

There will be no nominations, members of an Electoral College will cast a vote 3, 2 and 1 as to their view of the elite athletes who have the most outstanding performances in the given year.

The Electoral College will be members of the Board of Orienteering Australia, the MTBO High Performance Management Group and Foot High Performance Management Group. Members of the Electoral College will be allowed only one vote.

The Board will appoint a Past President of OA as the Returning Officer. Members of the Electoral College will forward their votes to only the Returning Officer.

The voting procedures will be determined by the Board of Orienteering Australia .

Voting Criteria

The essential voting criterion is the most outstanding performance(s) in the given year. This may be a single outstanding performance e.g. medal at a WOC or a series of outstanding performances, e.g. outstanding results at WOC, the OA National League or the National Championships.

Members of the Electoral College will use The Australian Orienteer magazine, the Orienteering Australia High Performance website or the Australian MTBO website as reference in determining their voting.