

## **OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS Rules** **2.12**

Revised rules agreed between Orienteering Australia and NZOF, 10 September 2008.

Rule 5 revised to alter relay classes in masters age-groups, November 2010.

Rule 9 revised to remove reference to Australia-New Zealand Challenge, June 2012.

### **Introduction**

1 The IOF member nations of the Oceania Region will conduct the Oceania Championships biennially in odd years (or at a greater interval as agreed by the Oceania nations). The Oceania Region will be as determined by the International Olympic Committee but shall include Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the island nations of the Pacific.

2 The host nation shall be determined by the Oceania nations at least 3 years prior to each Oceania Championship. The host nation will advise all IOF member Oceania nations of the Championships dates and general location at least twelve months prior to the competition.

3 The Championships will consist of Sprint, Middle, and Long Distance events and a Relay event held within one week of each other. The host nation will decide in which order the events are conducted.

4 Each of the Championships events may be held in conjunction with some other major event, though not a National championship (individual or relay), provided that the Oceania Championships event receives top priority with the other event in all aspects of the promotion and organisation.

### **Classes for Competition**

5 The Individual Championships will be conducted in the minimum age classes: W-16, W-18, W-20, W21, W35, W40, W45, W50, W55, W60, W65, W70, M-16, M-18, M-20, M21, M35, M40, M45, M50, M55, M60, M65, M70 plus additional classes as determined by the host nation. The host nation may also offer competition in other non-championship classes (e.g. A Short or B). The Relay Championships will be conducted in the minimum age classes: W-16, W-18, W-20, W21, W35-44, W45-54, W55-64, W65+, M-16, M-18, M-20, M21, M35-44, M45-54, M55-64 and M65+.

6 The Oceania Championships shall be open to entry for competitors from any nation but only competitors who are full passport-holding citizens of an Oceania nation shall be eligible for Oceania Championships titles and awards.

### **Championship maps and venues**

7 All Championship events should be held on new maps if possible. If any Championship event is held on a previously-used map, prior opportunities to train on similar terrain should be given and all competitors shall have the opportunity to sight the competition map prior to the event.

### **Relay teams**

8 The Relay Championships is for teams of three in each Championships class. Teams from non-Oceania nations may compete and shall start at the same time as the teams from Oceania nations.

### **Start interval and sequence**

9 The start interval shall be a minimum of two minutes in the Long- and Middle-Distance Championships and one minute in the Sprint Distance Championships.  
Start times shall be randomly drawn unless required otherwise by the rules for other competitions taking place in conjunction with the event (e.g. World Ranking Events, as per rule 12).

### **Awards**

10 There shall be awards to the first three placegetters in the Oceania Sprint, Middle, and Long-Distance Championships and for at least the members of the winning team in the Oceania Relay Championships. These awards shall be provided by the host nation.

### **Course and map standards**

11 Course length and difficulty for each age class, and map standards (including map scales) shall be in accordance with that which applies to the class concerned for national championships of that distance in the host country.

### **Competition Rules**

12 Where any class at any Championship event is a World Ranking Event the IOF Competition Rules for Foot Orienteering Events shall apply in precedence to these rules where any conflict exists. Otherwise, the IOF Competition Rules for Foot Orienteering Events shall apply except where they are at variance with these conditions.

### **Amendments**

13 These conditions may be varied or waived from time to time by agreement between the Oceania nations.