

## AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. Responsibility for these Rules and Procedures is vested solely in Orienteering Australia and may be amended only with the approval of that body.

### RULES OF COMPETITION

#### ELIGIBILITY

2. Eligible competitors are students in attendance at schools recognised by state and territory Education Departments who are 12 or older by 31 December in the year of the event and have been endorsed by the relevant state or territory affiliate of Orienteering Australia.
3. Eligible competitors for the State Teams competition are those nominated and selected in the correct age classes in accordance with the procedures for the selection of State Teams laid down by the state and territory affiliates of Orienteering Australia.
4. The Australian Schools Orienteering Championship (ASOC) accommodation facilities, eating arrangements, social activities etc., shall be arranged for State Team participants and officials (maximum 4 per team), with availability for additional competitors and officials at the discretion of the organisers provided that no additional Duty of Care responsibility is placed on State Team officials.

#### RULES & CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

5. All competition rules of Orienteering Australia will apply with the exception of those governing eligibility to compete in the event and the age classes. (See OA Competition Rules). The age classes shall be as follows:
  - Boys 19 years and under
  - Girls 19 years and under
  - Boys 15 years and under
  - Girls 15 years and under
6. Each state or territory may nominate a State Team with at most twenty (20) runners, dependent on host state capacity. The State Team will consist of a maximum of six (6) runners in each age class. No reserves are nominated. Any of the State Team runners in any age class is eligible to earn individual points, contribute to State Team points and to receive awards. Late replacements of State Team members will be permitted provided the final composition of any State Team is declared at or before the Pre-Event Meeting at the beginning of the carnival and the appropriate documentation can be provided.
7. There will be three events for which State Teams may score points. In the two individual competitions (Sprint and Long) the performance of the first three (3) out of the State Team runners in each age class will count for the State Team result. In the Relay event three runners compose an official State Relay Team in

each class. Each state or territory may nominate only one official State Relay Team in each class, with any additional runners being able to participate in ad hoc teams as per Clause 16.

8. Runners in the State Teams competition must compete in the same age class in both the individual events (Sprint and Long) and the Relay event with the exception of the conditions set out in Clause 9.
9. In the event of a state or territory having been able to nominate only one or two competitors in a class for the State Teams competition in the carnival, or in the event of injury or illness affecting a 19 years or under competitor during the period of the Championship which prevents the runner from taking further part, a 15 years and under member of the State Team may be promoted to the 19 years and under age class, or a girl may run in a boys State Team at the appropriate age, provided approval of the Championship jury is obtained prior to the State Team change.

### **COURSE STANDARDS & TECHNICAL DETAILS**

10. The course setters for the **Sprint** event are to plan courses with the following anticipated winning times:
  - Boys 19 years and under: 12 – 15 mins
  - Girls 19 years and under: 12 – 15 mins
  - Boys 15 years and under: 12 – 15 mins
  - Girls 15 years and under: 12 – 15 mins
  - One runner from each class starts at the same time at 1-minute intervals.
11. The course setters for the **Long** event are to plan courses with the following anticipated winning times:
  - Boys 19 years and under: 45 – 50 mins
  - Girls 19 years and under: 45 – 50 mins
  - Boys 15 years and under: 35 – 40 mins
  - Girls 15 years and under: 35 – 40 mins
  - One runner from each class starts at the same time at 2-minute intervals.
12. The course setters for the **Relay** event are to plan courses with the following anticipated winning times:
  - Boys 19 years and under: 35 mins
  - Girls 19 years and under: 35 mins
  - Boys 15 years and under: 30 mins
  - Girls 15 years and under: 30 mins
13. **Technical Difficulty.** The 15 years and under classes should be of Moderate navigation standard with IOF and English control descriptions provided, and the 19 years and under classes should be of Hard navigation standard with IOF control descriptions provided.

### **COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

14. **Individual Sprint Draw.** A start draw for the individual Sprint event is to be conducted on the evening prior to the race as follows:
- State Team nominations to be accepted the evening before at a time to be determined by the organising state.
  - The starting sequence in each class shall be organised in five start groups.
  - Competitors not in State Teams will start in the first group.
  - Each State Team may nominate no more than two runners for each of the remaining four groups and must nominate one runner in each of the four groups before nominating a second runner for any group.
  - The starting order in each group is to be drawn at random except that two runners from the one State Team may not be drawn to start consecutively.
  - The starting interval between runners will be one (1) minute.
15. **Individual Long Draw.** A public start draw for the individual Long event is to be conducted on the evening prior to the race as follows:
- The starting sequence in each class shall be organised in five start groups.
  - Competitors not in State Teams will start in the first group.
  - Each State Team may nominate no more than two runners for each of the remaining four groups and must nominate one runner in each of the four groups before nominating a second runner for any group.
  - The starting order in each group is to be drawn at random except that two runners from the one State Team may not be drawn to start consecutively.
  - The starting interval between runners will be two (2) minutes.
16. **Relay Draw.** In the Relay, State Team officials will have the right to nominate the running order of their State Relay Teams. Competitors not in the State Relay Teams may compete in ad hoc composite teams composed freely from all the remaining competitors in each age class. A mass start will be used for the first leg and the courses will be set so that all of the relay teams will have visited all the same controls and run all the same legs between controls by the end of the race.
17. **Complaints and Protests.** A complaint may be made to the organisers against the conduct of the event, against the disqualification of a competitor, or against alleged breaches of the rules. If a State Team manager is dissatisfied with the organisers' decision on a complaint, they may lodge a protest. A protest jury established under Clauses 18, 19 and 20 shall consider protests.

## **EVENT OFFICIALS**

18. **Protest Jury.** The Orienteering Australia protest jury appointed in accordance with Orienteering Australia CR29 will deal with protests that apply to the Orienteering Australia national event.
19. An ASOC protest jury which will be appointed at the Pre-Event Meeting will deal with protests of concern only to the ASOC.
20. The ASOC protest jury shall consist of representatives from three (3) different states, with the OA Schools Coordinator (or his/her representative) to be a non-voting member of the protest jury.

## **GUIDELINES for ORGANISATION**

### **MEETINGS**

21. The Australian Schools Orienteering Committee, comprising the Orienteering Australia Schools Coordinator and the State Team officials for the Championships and carnival, shall hold a minimum of two (2) meetings during the period of the national carnival. The Pre-event Meeting will be conducted prior to the commencement of the competition and the Post-Event Meeting during the concluding period of the carnival. Other meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the OA Schools Coordinator. Meetings will be conducted in accord with the procedures set out in the Orienteering Australia Constitution. (CR 13.1).

### **DUTIES OF THE HOST STATE OR TERRITORY**

22. Where a decision has been reached by Orienteering Australia (or its host state affiliate) a championship may be conducted in accord with the above rules and guidelines. The preferred name of the event is "The Australian Schools Orienteering Championship".
23. The Host State or Territory will be responsible for all aspects of the organisation of the carnival and will appoint a person to liaise with the OA Schools Coordinator and the State Team managers. The Host State or Territory should prepare a budget and establish an event levy in consultation with the OA Schools Coordinator. It will be responsible for the issue of invoices, receipts, the payments of accounts and the preparation of a financial statement in accordance with the constitutional requirements.
24. The Host State or Territory may negotiate and enter into agreement with sponsors provided the OA Schools Coordinator is kept informed and there is no conflict of interest in the sponsorship deal with any general sponsorships arranged with Orienteering Australia.
25. When the Host State or Territory has been determined for a particular year, the host organisation should request the relevant State Orienteering Association appoint a suitable event controller in accordance with Orienteering Australia rules. The host state is also expected to provide an appropriate person to chair the Pre-Event Meeting and the Post-Event Meeting.

### **AWARDS & CEREMONIES**

26. It is recommended that a Presentation Night, to which sponsors and Orienteering Australia officials are invited, be conducted during or at the end of the carnival.
27. **Points Allocation.** Points in the State Teams competition will be awarded on the following basis for all age classes in both the individual and relay competitions.

Only selected State Team members are able to contribute to State Team points. State Teams which are not placed will receive 0 points.

1st - 7 points

2nd - 6 points

3rd - 5 points

4th - 4 points

5th - 3 points

6th - 2 points

7th - 1 points

Total points for all age classes will count.

28. In the individual competitions, State Teams with three or more finishers will be ranked by the sum of the three times of their best three competitors. State Teams which do not have three finishers will be ranked after all State Teams with three finishers, as follows:

- State Teams with two finishers: by the sum of the two times
- State Teams with one finisher: by the time of that finisher and after all State Teams with two finishers
- State Teams with no finishers shall not be placed
- In the event of two State Teams being tied in an event, both State Teams shall receive the points for the higher placing.

29. **Determining a State Team Winner.** The State Team with the highest overall score from the individual Sprint, individual Long, and Relay competitions is the winner of the State Teams competition. In the event of a draw, joint winners will be announced.

30. **Major Trophy.** An overall trophy, the ASSOA Shield, is to be presented to the best performed State Team.

31. With the exception of the State Teams competition and State Team awards, all competitors and relay teams shall be fully incorporated in event results.

32. **Competition Awards.**

- Individual Sprint and Long Events:** A set of Orienteering Australia medallions is to be presented to the first three (3) place-getters in each class from within the selected State Teams, and a second set is to be presented to the first three (3) place-getters in each class including all competitors (including New Zealanders and those not in selected teams).
- Individual Teams Events:** Orienteering Australia medallions are to be presented to all members of the first three (3) State Teams with the three fastest combined times in the individual events. There shall be a single set of team awards covering the individual Sprint and Long events, and State Teams will be ranked in order of the points earned across the two events.
  - If State Teams are equal, ranking will be in order of the most points earned in a single event (e.g. 1st + 3rd would beat 2nd + 2nd);
  - If still equal, ranking will be in order of the best placing achieved by any individual across the events;

- If still equal, ranking will be in order of total State Team times (best 3 runners) summed across the two events.
- c. **Relays:** A set of Orienteering Australia medallions is to be presented to the three (3) members of the first three (3) place-getting teams in the relay event from within the State Relay Teams, and a second set is to be presented to the three (3) members of the first three (3) place-getting teams including all competitors (including New Zealanders and those not in selected State Relay Teams). (CR 25.14)

## HONOUR TEAM

33. An Australian Honour Team may be announced at the end of the carnival and recognised by the presentation of a suitable trophy or item of clothing arranged by the Host State or Territory. The following procedures will apply:
- a. A selection panel of three (3) will be appointed at the Management Meeting before the commencement of the competition.
  - b. The Honour Team will consist of a maximum of four (4) competitors from each age group.
  - c. Only members of State Teams will be eligible for selection.
  - d. Equal weighting will be given to all three events.
  - e. In considering the relay results the selectors should note the different legs run by the competitors.
  - f. The selectors may make use of different formulae for analysing the results (e.g. placings, kilometre rates and total elapsed times).
  - g. Any competitor who has been found to have breached the Code of Behaviour set down by Orienteering Australia shall not be eligible for selection.
  - h. Any competitor who has been disqualified (DNF, DSQ) from any of the three events shall not be eligible for selection.
  - i. Any 15 years and under competitor who performs well in the individual events and is subsequently elevated to a 19 years and under relay team or to a different class (in accordance with Clause 9) may still be considered for the Honour Team in the class in which he/she ran in the individual events.

## INVITATIONAL NEW ZEALAND TEAMS

34. No more than two invitational New Zealand Schools Orienteering teams are to be invited each year to participate in the ASOC. The teams are to compete under the Orienteering Australia Rules and Guidelines (**AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2.05, Orienteering Australia Operational Manual**) and will adhere to Orienteering Australia policies and procedures.
35. When New Zealand teams participate, they will be eligible to compete against individual Australian State Teams for the Southern Cross Junior Challenge (SCJC) Shield. Points will be allocated according to the current ASOC points scoring system, but with the points being allocated from 9 to 1 (or 8 to 1 if only one New Zealand team participates) rather than 7 to 1. The SCJC will run concurrently with the ASOC.

36. In addition to the awards outlined in clause 32, extra OA medallions will be awarded to NZ competitors who place in the individual teams' event.

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

37. The Post-Event Meeting or another approved Schools Committee meeting may recommend awards in accordance with the following policy. The Service Award recognises a person's continued commitment to the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships program, in particular representatives from State/Territory associations who have completed or are about to complete ten (10) years of attendance and/or participation in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships.

38. Service Award recipients are:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Rob Simson	QLD	2001
Peta Whitford	VIC	2003
Len Minty	ACT	2003
Fiona Calabro	QLD	2004
Blair Trewin	VIC	2004
David Tilbrook	SA	2005
Ian Dalton	WA	2014
Reid Moran	QLD	2016
Stephen Bird	VIC	2019
Joan Sheldon	QLD	2019

### **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS TEAM**

39. In the event there is a schools' tour approved, the following applies:

- a. A team of 16 will be selected for travel with non-travelling reserves named. The team shall consist of four representatives from each age class.
- b. Selection events will consist of the three Australian Schools Orienteering Championship races combined with the Australian Orienteering Long Distance Championship.
- c. Students must compete in all four events to be considered for selection.
- d. The selectors may make use of different formulae for analysing the results (e.g. placings, kilometre rates and total elapsed times).
- e. Greater emphasis should be given to the three Australian Schools Championship races ahead of the Australian Long Distance Championship.
- f. Any competitor who has been found to have breached the Code of Behaviour set down by Orienteering Australia shall not be eligible for selection.
- g. A selection panel of three (3) will be appointed at the Management Meeting before the commencement of competition. A fourth panel member will be appointed by Orienteering Australia.

## **AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS TEST MATCH CONDITIONS AND RULES**

40. Responsibility for these rules is vested in Orienteering Australia and Orienteering New Zealand, and they may be amended only with the approval of both Bodies. Under the current rules Schools Test Matches are contested by Australia and New Zealand.
41. **Eligibility.** Eligible competitors will be those selected and nominated in the correct age classes in accord with the procedures laid down by the relevant national organisation. Competitors must be in attendance at a recognised school, or in the case of a Test Match contested between 1 November and 31 January, have completed their schooling within the previous three months. Competitors are eligible to represent the nation in which they attend school, irrespective of nationality. Competitors who attend school outside the competing countries are ineligible to compete, even if they are a citizen of one of the competing countries.
42. **Management.** Responsibility for the organisation of the event shall be vested in the orienteering body of the host nation, who may delegate that responsibility as they see fit. Each competing nation shall appoint a team manager, who in addition to responsibility for their team, shall fill such specific functions as are specified under these rules.
43. **Rules and Conditions of Competition.**
- a. The events shall be conducted in accordance with the competition rules of the host nation for national-level events, except as provided otherwise in these rules.
  - b. The age classes shall be as follows
    - Boys 19 years and under
    - Girls 19 years and under
    - Boys 15 years and under
    - Girls 15 years and under
  - c. A competitor's age is determined by their age on December 31 of the year of Competition, except if the event takes place in January it is determined by their age on December 31 in the preceding year.
  - d. Each nation may nominate a maximum of four (4) runners in each class. Except as provided for otherwise, the same four competitors in each class contest both individual events (Sprint and Long) and the Relay event.
  - e. There will be three events for which teams may score points: an individual Sprint and an individual Long event in which the team result will be the sum of the times of the best three (3) competitors from each nation, and a Relay event in which the four runners compose an official team in each class.
  - f. Each nation shall receive one (1) point for each class which they win in each competition, except that if a class is tied both nations receive one (1) point. The overall winning nation will be the nation which achieves the greatest number of points accumulated across the three competitions. If both nations have an equal number of points they shall be considered to have tied.



- g. Courses for the three events shall be of hard navigational difficulty, and shall be set to achieve the following winning times:
- Individual Sprint
    - Boys/girls 19 years and under: 12 – 15 minutes
    - Boys/girls 15 years and under: 12 – 15 minutes
  - Individual Long
    - Boys/girls 19 years and under: 45 – 50 minutes
    - Boys/girls 15 years and under: 35 – 40 minutes
  - Relay
    - Boys/girls 19 years and under: 30 – 35 minutes per leg
    - Boys/girls 15 years and under: 25 – 30 minutes per leg
- h. In the event that a runner is unable to participate in the second or third of the three events, having participated in the first or first and second, then, with the agreement of both managers:
- That team member may be replaced by a reserve, if available, providing that the reserve meets the eligibility requirements as laid down in Clause 41.
  - If the third event is the Relay event, with the agreement of the organisers, that class may be contested by teams of three rather than teams of four. If this occurs, then the organisers must ensure that both teams complete the same course over the three legs.
  - In the individual events, competitors from each nation shall start alternately, but the order of competitors from each nation shall be random. The starting interval shall not be less than two (2) minutes. If other competitors not participating in the Test Match are competing on the same course, their start times shall be separated from those of the Test Match competitors by at least ten (10) minutes, with Test Match competitors starting first.

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