

ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA RELATIONSHIPS WITH STATE ASSOCIATIONS

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(This replaces the previous Operational Manual 1.5, 'Role of Councillor')

As a result of OA constitutional changes in 2009, the formal nature of State representation within OA bodies changed. The term 'Council' was abolished, as was the position of State (and associated body) Councillors in the OA Constitution. The Annual Conference has been redefined as a Special General Meeting of Orienteering Australia.

State Associations are entitled to two votes at general meetings of OA, while elite and MTBO representatives have one vote each.

The way in which State Associations manage their representation at OA meetings is a matter for each State Association. Some States continue to have a formal position of OA Councillor (either elected or appointed) who attends OA meetings and is responsible for relations with OA. In other States, they are represented at OA meetings by their President and/or other members of their Board (or equivalent). It is important that State Association representatives at OA meetings are well aware of orienteeing activities in their States and have the authority to be part of decision-making on behalf of their State Associations.

Separate to representation at OA meetings are the channels of communication between meetings. The key point of contact for formal communications between OA and State Associations is normally the Secretary or (in those states which have one) the Administration/Executive Officer, but alternatives may be established by arrangement between OA and the State Association concerned. Individual committees may communicate through the Committee chairs.

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