

## 3.5A Risk statement on registration forms at Enter On The Day events

### Recommendation

All state associations and clubs include a Risk Statement and Waiver on their Enter On The Day registration cards.

### Background

- ONSW has a risk statement and risk waiver on its Enter On the Day registration cards. See the cards at <http://www.onsw.asn.au/resources/event-management/important-documents>
- However, not all associations and clubs do this.
- OA consulted Nicola Nygh, orienteering lawyer, for legal advice and MGA insurance brokers for insurance advice on this
- Both Nicola and MGA said the same thing. A Risk Statement and signed Risk Waiver provides a strong first line of protection and strong second line of protection from legal action if a mishap occurs.
- Regardless of the nuances of legislation in this area among state and territory legislation, if a mishap occurs, an injured person is far less likely to think about suing if they have acknowledged the risk and signed a waiver. If legal action is pursued, the chances of it being successful is also greatly diminished if the mishap was an accident directly related to a risk identified and acknowledged and for which the participant has knowingly signed up to compete in full knowledge of that risk.