

Setting fees for Orienteering Victoria for 2017

The changes to fees and levies in 2015 aimed to make membership more attractive in terms of cost and simpler by combining club and state memberships in one payment. The reduced membership and club affiliations were offset by levy increases with an emphasis on participation rather than membership. Three years later, in 2016 the income from these sources is still lower than the general expenses.

Income for the last three years

	2014 (full year)	2015 (full year)	2016 (to date)
Total memberships including magazines	22,350	19,778	13,752 approx \$6000 will come in by Dec 31
Club affiliation	6,618	909	1,909
Event levies (ex carnival)	52,399	52,319	33,306 approx \$18,000 will come in by Dec 31
Total income	81,367	73,006	72,967 (by Dec 31)

OV general expenses to end August in 2016

Office costs	21,630	
OA affiliation/levies	31,200	
Audit/workcover/insurance	4,383	
Magazine/yearbook	9,884*	
Fixtures/flyers/ control cards	<u>5,055</u>	
Total general costs (to end August)	\$72,152	Total general income by end 2016 \$72,967

Note: * OV paid \$3222.60 for magazines not received – an agreement with Orienteering Australia for 2016.

The proposal is to raise club affiliation and membership slightly this year.

The following rates for 2017 are proposed:

1. Membership adult rate will be \$35 (increase of \$5 per adult). Junior rate will be \$6. School membership remains at \$100. Memberships include the Australian Orienteer magazine in hard copy or online.

Comment: the increase of \$5 should not be deterrent to those joining as their benefits will certainly make it worthwhile to join. (Membership is required to obtain park/street season tickets, to run in Victorian club relays and championships and to obtain \$10 discount at state series – both foot and MTBO).

2. Club affiliations increase from \$300 to \$600 (still below 2014 rate of \$800)

Comment: clubs who are organising events are generating income and have had the benefit of low affiliation over the last three years.

3. Event levies stay at 2016 levels: local events \$2.85, state series \$7. Non-member differential of \$10 for state series is an incentive for joining and should remain.

Comment: event levies raise money from those who participate and are a significant proportion of the income. Gradual rises in levy rates are the most acceptable, and for the coming year there will be no increase.

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