

## **Scholarship for developing junior orienteers**

The path of development for young orienteers involves selection in teams – first to represent Victoria and then to represent Australia. Some financial assistance is given to the team members but most of it comes from the families.

### **Sources of funding are as follows:**

- State schools team – the orienteering club and the school assist an individual student to varying degrees. The whole team is assisted by Orienteering Victoria who pay for accommodation and travel for the coach and manager of the team. Fundraising pays for the cost of the bus for the team. There are some uniforms available for loan.
- Australian-New Zealand Challenge team – no support
- Junior World Orienteering Championships team – \$600 from Orienteering Victoria on application from team member along with an expectation of contribution in kind. Orienteering Australia pays for the coach and manager.

- Other available funding:

Country athlete funding about \$1000

Rockhopper award of \$250 presented to the best boy and girl each year solely based on performance.

### **Proposal: that an annual scholarship be set up to assist talented young orienteers financially (probably about \$500)**

#### **Suggested conditions:**

- The orienteer applies to Orienteering Victoria for the scholarship
- The application could be made by someone else on the orienteer's behalf.
- The selection is made by OV treasurer (or junior schools manager) taking into consideration their circumstances and commitment to the sport.
- The funding comes from the legacy fund
- There could be more than one scholarship, or none, in a particular year

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