

Setting fees for Orienteering Victoria for 2016

Changes to fees and levies were made for 2015 with the aim of making 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 to be offset by levy increases with an emphasis on participation rather than membership.

In September 2015 the results of these changes are as follows:

Memberships in 2015 \$10,041 plus magazine \$3773 is \$13,814 (2014 \$19,072) but the numbers of members have increased.

Club affiliations in 2015 \$818 (2014 \$6,618)

Event levies in 2015 \$34,639 (2014 to the same date \$35,668) levies have been averaged to charge the same rate to each person. The 2015 rate for Melbourne park/street starts in October 2015.

Overall there is \$15,000 less in income from these sources in 2015 compared with 2014.

This income pays for many of the activities of OV (see the list below) including the office (rent and staffing), Orienteering Australia levies and registration, fixtures and promotion, workcover, insurance, yearbook, These costs are always increasing.

OA have changed the way that they allocate costs to put more emphasis on participation and this will influence OV in 2016. They have also lost some of their funding and signal increased charges on top of this.

Some adjustment on the rates of membership, club affiliation and event levies is required for 2016 to make up for some of the loss in revenue and also to position OV in a better position to cope with inevitable rises from OA.

The following rates for 2016 are proposed:

1. Membership adult rate is increased from \$25 to \$30. Junior rate remains at \$1
2. Club affiliations increase from \$100 to \$300
3. Event levies increase by CPI (1.5%) local events from \$2.80 to \$2.85, state series from \$6.90 to \$7. Non-member differential of \$10 is an incentive for joining and should remain.

Note 1: levies from the Australian Carnival in Ballarat will boost the income this year. The next major carnival will not be for another 4 years.

Note 2: surplus from the schools program, particularly the schools championships contribute to the revenue each year

OV general expenses

Office costs	21,630		
OA affiliation/levies	26,615		
Audit/workcover/insurance	6,069		
Magazine/yearbook	9,100		
Fixtures/flyers	<u>6,193</u>		
Total general costs	\$58,238	Total general income	\$49,271

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