

To Members of the OA Development Committee (please also circulate to other relevant personnel in your state).

As previously advised by John Harding, a meeting of the OA Development Committee has been organised for meeting room 100.322:MC, from 1pm to 4pm at Curtin University in Perth on Monday 29 September after the Australian Sprint Orienteering Championships. Due to recent developments I haven't prepared a Development Newsletter – I can do this following the meeting. Now my understanding is that Room 100.322 is in building 100 – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor – room 22. There is a map on the Curtin University website. If I find out anything else about the venue I'll let you know.

The purpose of this email is to:

1. Acquaint you with the current situation re ASC funding,
  2. To seek proposals for Participation Programs
  3. To advise about the Sporting Schools Program
  4. To enclose a draft agenda for the WA meeting,
  5. To seek any other major issues for discussion.
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1. ASC FUNDING:
    - The change of government last year and consequential reorganisation of the ASC has resulted in a period of uncertainty. The current situation is that the new Sporting Schools program which will see \$100 million directed to schools to encourage school sporting programs is still being developed and requires considerable thought by Orienteering as to how we will be involved. In the mean time the ASC has allocated \$100,000 to orienteering for specific participation programs to be funded over the next 9 months – prior to Sporting Schools getting up and running.
  2. PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS:
    - The ASC allocation of \$100,000 in participation programs must be assigned – probably within the next month.
    - States need to forward costed project proposals to OA for consideration by early October.
    - A section of the WA meeting will be set aside for states to list the projects they will be putting up. This will allow states to benefit from ideas developed in other jurisdictions in finalising their own proposals.
  3. SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
    - Most of the WA meeting will involve workshopping the Sporting Schools Program to ensure we understand how it will affect us, how we can get the most out of it, to ensure some consistency across states, etc. With a pool of \$100 million this is a significant potential increase on past funding and we want to make sure orienteering gets a fair share of it.
  4. WA MEETING AGENDA:
    - Welcome and Introduction – Bert Elson (5 minutes)
    - ASC Funding update – John Harding (15 minutes)
    - Participation Projects – Jurisdictions (20 minutes)
    - Sporting Schools Program – Introduction and overview – John Harding (10 minutes)
    - Sporting Schools Program Workshop – Administration issues – Role of state associations / financing / cost of overheads / personnel issues / coaching, working with children checks / website issues / other information / liaison with schools / consistency between states. (45 minutes)
    - Sporting Schools Program Workshop – Deliverables – Types of events / ages of participants / mapping issues / during or after school / role of teachers / equipment / indoors, outdoors. (45 minutes)
    - Sporting Schools Program Workshop – Other issues – Inclusion of parents / naming / image / (45 minutes)
  5. OTHER BUSINESS

- Any other business.

There is room at the WA meeting for additional state representatives to attend so feel free to circulate this to relevant additional personnel within your state.

Regards

Bert Elson,  
Chair, Development Committee