

Proposed rule change for Victorian Long Distance Championships

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Current rules:

8. Awards

1. **8.1** Awards shall be given to all place getters (first, second, third) in E and A classes irrespective of the number of competitors who started in the class.
2. **8.2** Awards shall be given to all place getters (first, second, third) in AS and B age classes unless there are fewer than four competitors who started in the class, in which case the number of awards may be one less than the number of competitors who started in the class.
3. **8.3** The approval of the Orienteering Victoria Board shall be obtained if the awards for placegetters are to be other than cloth badges.
4. **8.4** The Victorian Resident Champion will be considered to be the leading Victorian (defined as an OV member normally resident in Victoria) in each Championship class.
5. **8.5** A participation award shall be given to each M/W10 competitor who successfully completes their course.

Proposal 1: Remove rule 8.3

Cloth badges may have been treasured when the rule was created, but member feedback now indicates otherwise.

An option may be to explicitly state in the rules that cloth badges are not suitable awards.

Proposal 2: replace 8.1 and 8.2 with;

8.1 Awards shall be given to all place getters (first, second, third) in E and junior A classes irrespective of the number of competitors who started in the class. Awards shall be given to all place getters (first, second, third) in all other classes unless there are fewer than four competitors who started in the class, in which case an award is presented to first place only.

Context: In 2016, around 100 awards were provided for about 150 competitors. Almost everyone wins a prize and many people did not even stay to receive their prize. This contributes to significantly higher entry fees.

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