

RULES FOR STATE BUSH EVENTS other than Championship and NOL events

STATE SERIES – RULES

Please also read the State Series Course Table.

The following courses will be offered at Long and Middle Distance State Series events in 2017 (other than Championship and NOL events)

HARD courses:	Courses 1-6
MODERATE course:	Course 7
EASY course:	Course 8
VERY EASY course:	Course 9

State Series events are designated Long Distance or Middle Distance by the Bush Subcommittee during the fixturing process. This will be determined by the size of the map and the suitability of the terrain. Events need to be set in the style designated, ie Middle Distance has its own course setting requirements and should not just be a “shorter long distance” event.

There are no official age groups associated with each course; however course setters, controllers, organisers and competitors should refer to the separate STATE SERIES COURSE TABLE for guidance on course lengths and expected winning times, where Course 1 is the reference benchmark. Note that this table also provides guidance on terrain difficulty for short hard courses.

The suggested distance percentages are for guidance only. It is the responsibility of the Course Setter and Controller to determine the course lengths to achieve the recommended winning times for each age class.

Where the moderate, easy and very easy courses are in significantly different terrain to the hard courses, the course lengths for those courses should be adjusted accordingly.

Upon application by the event organisers, courses deviating from the normal winning times in some or all classes may be authorised by the Bush Orienteering Subcommittee.

Rules for state Championship events are documented separately. Rules for NOL events for M/W21 and M/W 20 competitors are detailed on the Orienteering Australia website.

Entries and payment

Championship events require pre-entry and prepayment. State Series events should use Eventor for pre-entries with prepayment, but also offer an Enter-on-the-day (EOD) option. EOD will be available on selected courses, however EOD competitors will not necessarily receive a pre-marked map (at the discretion of the organizer). A small surcharge for EOD can be charged.

Shadowing

An adult may shadow a child at any time without affecting the adult’s official status. Shadowing is allowed on Very Easy courses on an unrestricted basis. On other courses, shadowing is allowed but this renders the shadowed competitor unofficial.

Start times

Pre-set start times are not a requirement of pre-entry events. Competitors may choose their own start times from within the range of times provided. For State Series events a start window of 3 hours is required (eg 10am-1pm), with course closure 1.5 hours after the last available Start time (eg 2.30pm). Registration should be available for 30 minutes prior to the first start, and close 30 minutes prior to the last start (ie competitors starting at 1pm must be registered by 12.30pm).

Scheduling of State Series Events

Events should, as far as possible, be spaced reasonably evenly through State Series season. No State Series event may oppose the following events: Australian Championships (individual and relay), Australian 3-Days, major international events in Australia outside Victoria, SA-Victoria challenge (if in SA).

State Series events should not normally oppose the following additional events

- ACT Championships, NSW Championships (unless north of Sydney)
- SA Championships (unless north or west of Adelaide region)
- Other state championships if part of a carnival

If the application of this rule would result in four or more weeks elapsing between State Series events, the Fixtures Secretary may authorise a clash. In scheduling such an event the clash should be with the interstate event least likely to attract significant Victorian attendance.

State Series events in appropriate locations may be held jointly with State Series (or equivalent) events in New South Wales, South Australia or the ACT. In such events the Bush Orienteering Subcommittee may authorise variations to the number of courses offered or the course on which a particular class is run.

VICTORIAN CLUB RELAYS

The Victorian Club Relays are open to anyone who is a member of an affiliated or associated club or group.

They will be held under the rules as set down by OA for the Australian Club Relay Championships. Age classes do not apply. Instead there are five divisions (A, B, C, D, E) with no age restrictions on entry. A, B and C are medium/hard navigation of long, medium and short distance respectively, while D is three easy legs, and E is mixed lengths.

Group	Distance	Diff.
A	100%	H/M
B	75%	H/M
C	50%	H/M
D		E
E		Mixed (1H, 1M, 1E)

The Rockhopper Trophy is presented to the club with the highest points score – refer to the Special Awards document.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA / VICTORIA CHALLENGE (The Irena and Dexter Palmer Memorial Trophy)

This challenge is conducted annually and the venue normally alternates between each state. The event to be used for the challenge is agreed mutually between the states during the previous year when the following year’s calendar is being prepared.

- The venue should normally be somewhere between Melbourne and Adelaide (i.e. not NE Victoria or the Flinders Ranges/Eyre Peninsula), but exceptions may be made, particularly if the event is taking place in conjunction with a major carnival.
- ‘A’ classes only will be contested, from M/W 12A upward.
- The visiting state will nominate teams of up to 3 competitors in each class, one week in advance, OR teams may be selected as the first x finishers in each class, where x is the number of competitors from the visiting state (or 2, whichever is the lesser).
- The host state will match the number of competitors nominated by the visiting state. Visiting teams are required to contest at least 8 classes - if they do not, then the classes they do not contest will be considered to be won by the home team.
- The aggregate time of the best 2 of the 3 competitors in each class will be used to determine the winning state in that class. If there are only 2 competitors in a team, both times will count, if only 1 competitor, that person’s time will count. The state that wins the most classes will win the challenge.

Record of Competition:

Year	Location	Winner
2004	Twigham, SA	South Australia
2005	Nerrina, VIC	Victoria
2006	Ngaralta Country, SA	South Australia
2007	Twigham, SA	Victoria
2008	Mt Beckworth, VIC	Victoria
2009	Northern Spurs, VIC	Victoria
2010	Mack Creek, SA	Victoria
2011	Northern Spurs, VIC	Victoria
2012	Barossa Range, SA	South Australia
2013	Mt Alexander, VIC	Victoria
2014	Lady Alice Goldfield, SA	South Australia
2015		