

COMMERCIAL OPERATORS AT EVENTS

A number of commercial operations (that is, involving the sale of products and services other than participation in the event) regularly take place at Victorian orienteering events. At major events catering is usually arranged (often with local community groups) and a variety of vendors of orienteering clothing and equipment operate. At many local events, the Victorian O Gear shop is present, as is the Eureka cake stall; the Victorian Junior Squad also sometimes sells food and drinks.

Orienteering Victoria wishes to encourage the presence of products and services relevant to orienteers (such as food, drink and orienteering clothing and equipment) at events, whilst recognising that, in some cases, land managers may place constraints on what commercial operations are permitted. Orienteering Victoria also wishes to recognise the role of the ‘regular’ operators.

‘Regular’ operators

The following commercial operations are currently recognised as ‘regular’:

- The Victorian O Gear shop (currently operated by Kevin Maloney)
- The Eureka cake stall
- Victorian Junior Squad fundraising activities

The Board has the authority to amend this list as it sees fit.

If any or all of these operations are not going to be permitted at a particular event, whether because of requirements of land managers, exclusive arrangements with other operators (see below) or any other reason, event organisers are responsible for informing the people/groups concerned. Event organisers should consider the needs of these groups when planning assembly/finish areas, and are encouraged to liaise ahead of the event if necessary.

Other operators

Other operators may conduct commercial operations at events with the permission of the event organisers. If the requirements of the event are beyond the capacity of the regular operators, organisers are encouraged to approach local community groups or service clubs to provide catering or similar services.

Exclusive arrangements with other operators are not encouraged. Event organisers are only permitted to enter into exclusive arrangements which exclude any or all of the ‘regular’ operators listed above, with the approval of the Board. Such approval will normally be given for major events in the case of catering, but would only be given in exceptional circumstances for orienteering clothing/equipment at any event, or for catering at non-major events.