

## **RULES FOR EVENTS other than Championship events**

### **STATE SERIES - RULES**

The following age classes will be offered at State Series events:

A courses: M/W -10, -12, -14, -16, -20, 21, 35, 45, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, M80, M85+

AS courses: M/W 15-20, 21-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55+

B courses: Novice, -12, 14, -16, Open Short, Open Long

Power walkers: A, AS

### **Course/Class combinations for 2012**

For all State Series and Badge events, a minimum of 7 courses (4 hard, 1 moderate, 1 easy and 1 very easy) will be offered. At events designated Long, an additional 2 hard courses are offered. Refer to the tables below for age group/course combinations at Long, Medium and Short events.

In addition, there will be two Power Walker courses available at all State Series and Badge events. These courses will be line courses (ie place is determined according to time taken). Power Walkers courses will be offered on courses 4 and 5. No Badge credits will be earned on Power Walkers courses.

The M21 kilometre rate is used as the 'reference' benchmark. This course is shown in bold. Winning times for the fastest M21 on this course should be as follows:

Long events – 85 minutes; medium events – 55 minutes; short events – 35-40 minutes.

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 Orientering Subcommittee.

### **Pre-entries and Pre-marked maps**

Badge and Championship events require pre-entry and pre-marked maps. State Series events should use a pre-entry system and pre-marked maps; however there is no requirement for pre-payment. If provision of pre-marked maps is problematic (eg a digital print is not high quality enough), clubs may apply to the Bush Committee for an exemption from this requirement.

**Enter on the day** (EOD) will be available at all events on selected courses, however EOD entrants will not necessarily receive a pre-marked map or use Sportident timing.

### **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.

LONG events have 6 Hard navigation courses (numbered 1-6), with course 1 for M21A, and course 2 for M17-20A and Open Long (for any M/W non-elite who wants to do a longer course).

MEDIUM and SHORT events have 4 Hard navigation courses (numbered 3-6). At Medium events, M/W21A and M/W17-20A are on course 3 and 4. At Short events, M/W21A and M/W17-20A are on course 4 and 5.

**Course/class combinations for Victorian State Series/Badge events - LONG**

Course	Difficulty	Distance	A classes	AS classes	B classes
1	Hard	100%	M21		
2	Hard	75%	M17-20, M35-44		
3	Hard	62%	W21, M45-54		
4	Hard	45%	M16, M55, W17-20, W35-44, PWA	M21	
5	Hard	33%	M60, M65, W16, W45-54, W55	M15-20, M35-44, W21, PW AS	
6	Hard	25%	M70, M75, M80, M85, W60, W65, W70, W75	M45-54, M55+, W15-20, W35-44, W45-54, W55+	
7	Moderate	30%	M14, W14		M16, W16, Long Open B
8	Easy	Determined by available terrain. Usually 2-3k for C8, 1.5-2.5 for C9	M12, W12		M14, W14, Short Open B
9	V Easy		M10, W10		M12, W12, Novice

Notes: Distances are based on a M21A winning time of 85 minutes for course 1, and are given as a guide only.

Championships use a different set of course/class combinations (not as shown above).

National League events may have special requirements in the M/W21 and 17-20 classes.

Hard navigation courses should be set in the 'long distance' style.

**Course/class combinations for Victorian State Series/Badge events - MEDIUM**

Course	Difficulty	Distance	A classes	AS classes	B classes
3	Hard	100%	M17-20, M21, M35-44		
4	Hard	75%	M16, M45-54, M55, W17-20, W21, W35-44, PWA	M21	
5	Hard	55%	M60, M65, W16, W45-54, W55	M15-20, M35-44, W21, PW AS	
6	Hard	40%	M70, M75, M80, M85, W60, W65, W70, W75	M45-54, M55+, W15-20, W35-44, W45-54, W55+	
7	Moderate	50%	M14, W14		M16, W16, Long Open B
8	Easy	Determined by available terrain. Usually 2-3k for C8, 1.5-2.5 for C9	M12, W12		M14, W14, Short Open B
9	V Easy		M10, W10		M12, W12, Novice

Notes: Distances are based on a M21A winning time of 55 minutes for course 3, and are given as a guide only.

Championships use a different set of course/class combinations (not as shown above).

National League events may have special requirements in the M/W21 and 17-20 classes.

Hard navigation courses should be set in the ‘long distance’ style.

**Course/class combinations for Victorian State Series/Badge events - SHORT**

Course	Difficulty	Distance	A classes	AS classes	B classes
3	Hard	135%	M35-44		
4	Hard	100%	M16, M17-20, M21, M45-54, M55, W35-44, PWA	M21	
5	Hard	75%	M60, M65, W16, W17-20, W21, W45-54, W55	M15-20, M35-44, W21, PW AS	
6	Hard	55%	M70, M75, M80, M85, W60, W65, W70, W75	M45-54, M55+, W15-20, W35-44, W45-54, W55+	
7	Moderate	70%	M14, W14		M16, W16, Long Open B
8	Easy	Determined by available terrain. Usually 2-3k for C8, 1.5-2.5 for C9	M12, W12		M14, W14, Short Open B
9	V Easy		M10, W10		M12, W12, Novice

Notes: Distances are based on a M21A winning time of 35-40 minutes for course 4, and are given as a guide only.

Championships use a different set of course/class combinations (not as shown above).

National League events may have special requirements in the M/W21 and 17-20 classes.

**Hard navigation courses should be set in the ‘middle distance’ style where practicable – particularly courses 4 and 5.**

**State Series Points**

In each class at each State Series event, points will be allocated to the top ten placegetters who are full Orienteering Victoria members in that year on a 10,9,8, ... 1 basis with 10 points for first, 9 for second and so on. Competitors who DNF or who are disqualified are not eligible to score points for that event. If the event is Pre-Entry Only (eg Badge or Championship), entrants who enter on the day (EOD) on an unofficial course are not eligible to score points for that event.

It is the competitor's responsibility to indicate their correct age class when registering for an event. Competitors who run a course above the one nominated for their class will be considered to be competing in the next class for which they are eligible, and which is designated to run that course. If they are not eligible for any of the designated classes, then, like competitors who run down, they are not eligible for State Series points. For example, an M-14A (usually Course 7) who runs Course 6 is

not eligible for State Series points, but is eligible for M-16 points if he runs course 4, for M15-20AS points if he runs course 5, or for M-14B points if he runs course 8. Competitors may gain points in more than one age class throughout the year.

Male competitors are not eligible to score points in W classes. Female competitors are eligible to score points in M classes. In addition, a W21 who runs up will be awarded State Series points according to her placing in the course run in relation to all eligible runners on that course.

Competitors who enter for more than one course at any event are only eligible to score points on their first run.

Any person who has not paid the required Orienteing Victoria full membership fee by the date of the Victorian Long Distance Championships is not eligible to be an Orienteer of the Year and is not eligible to score points in any subsequent State Series Event. Any points scored in previous events will be forfeited, and the scores of other eligible competitors will be adjusted retrospectively.

The number of scores to count for the State Series competition will be set by the Orienteing Victoria Board following a recommendation from the Bush Orienteing Subcommittee prior to the start of the season. This number will normally be 60-70% of the total number of events available to that class, having regard to the total number of events to be run, the location of the events and the number of 2 day events. If the cancellation of an event or class results in the number to count being in excess of 70% of the total number of events remaining, the Bush Orienteing Subcommittee may adjust the number of scores to count in the affected class(es). If there is a tie, all competitors affected will receive an award.

**In 2012, for A classes, the best 6 scores from the 10 events (including the Victorian Sprint, Middle and Long Distance Championships) will be counted. For all AS, B and PW classes, the best 6 scores from those events with AS, B and PW classes available will be counted.**

To qualify for awards, a competitor must complete a minimum number of events. This minimum which will normally be 40-50% of the total number of events available to that class, will be set by the Board following a recommendation from the Bush Orienteing Subcommittee prior to the start of the season. It may be amended under the same circumstances as would give rise to amendment of the total number of events to count. Awards will be made in A, AS and B classes where at least one person has completed the minimum number of events.

**In 2012, for A classes, the minimum number of events required to qualify for an award is 5 (including the Victorian Championships). For all AS, B and PW classes, the minimum number of events required to qualify is 4.**

In the event that any qualifying events (e.g. State Championships) are held with different age classes to usual State Series events (e.g. 5-year versus 10-year age groups) then, if both age classes run the same course, points will be earned on the basis of their respective placing on that course. For example, if both 40A and 45A compete in the championships on the same course then the points for the 45-49A group will be earned on the basis of the times of all 40-49 year old competitors on that course in the usual manner.

The converse will also apply. For instance, if the championship event has only one AS or B class (e.g. Open B) but other State Series events have multiple AS or B classes, then points will be allocated

across all AS or B classes according to places in the Open classes (so, for example, a person would earn 9 points in M55+B for coming 2nd in Mens' Open B in the championships).

If, however, different championship courses apply for each normal age group, each competitor will earn points for their regular-season class according to their championship placing. For instance, the winners of 21A and 35A would both get 10 points in the State Series 21-35A group.

If another competition (e.g. National Orienteering League) takes place in conjunction with a State Series event, State Series points will be awarded in the class(es) involved on the basis of results in that competition only, unless entry to that competition is restricted, in which case points will be awarded both for that competition and regular State Series courses. This shall apply regardless of the form of that competition (e.g. mass start, short distance). Points shall be awarded in order of places achieved by those participants who are eligible to score Victorian State Series points, regardless of the affiliation they compete under in the other competition, and shall be awarded on the same basis as results in that competition (e.g. if there is a qualification race and finals, the last finisher in A ranks ahead of first in the B final).

If the form of the other competition results in a reduction of the number of events available to compete in (e.g. relays, two-day events with total time counting), the number of scores to count and the minimum number of events may be adjusted accordingly by the Bush Orienteering Subcommittee.

State Series scores will be published progressively throughout the year in O-Vic magazine and on the Orienteering Victoria website, and will be displayed at some State Series events. Any queries about point scores must be directed to the Orienteering Victoria statistician by the end of the month of their first publication.

The Controller and Course Setter for a State Series or Badge event will receive 10 State Series points for one event per year. If the course that a controller/course setter normally runs is cancelled for any reason at all then he/she receives no points.

Shadowing: An adult may shadow a child at any time without affecting the adult's official status. Shadowing is allowed in M/W10 classes on an unrestricted basis. In other classes, shadowing is allowed but this renders the shadowed competitor unofficial: i.e. no OY points are allocated. The shadowed competitor must write "Unofficial" in the age class square.

### **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 (e.g. APOC), 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
- Events of State Series standard or higher staged by Waggaroos
- Events of badge standard or higher staged in south-East SA

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**

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

**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:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Winner</b>
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	

**VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES** for Sprint, Middle and Long Distances are documented separately.