

## **EVENT CALENDAR**

### **National Fixture List**

Certain dates are fixed in advance by events on the National Fixtures List. These include Victorian Individual and Club Relay Championships and two Badge events to be held in Victoria. Other national fixtures may dictate the type of events that will be held in Victoria on certain dates. For example, State Series events will not be scheduled to clash with adjacent State or National Championships.

### **Badge Events**

Badge Events should be run on the two best badge standard maps used for the first time during the previous year. If the Bush Subcommittee judges that there were not two badge standard maps produced the year before, then the best available badge standard map(s) should be used taking into account previous usage.

### **State Series Events**

The present Orienteering Victoria policy is to hold approximately 8 State Series Events per year. A State Series event must be held on a map rated for that purpose and will be used to score points for the Orienteer of the Year competition.

### **Metro Events (“Sunday Specials”)**

The Metro series is a series of park events and bush events close to Melbourne to act as transition events for those wishing to move from street to bush orienteering.

### **MTBO State Series Events**

This series of events will generally be run in spring and autumn to avoid the wettest times of the year.

### **Other Events**

In setting the calendar, Orienteering Victoria intersperses these major events with other events, including Ski-O and MTB-O events to give a varied and full calendar.

To be covered by OA insurance, an event must be formally listed on the Orienteering Victoria fixture list and/or advertised in O-Vic.

As a general rule, only one event is listed per day although variations may occur for widely spaced parkland events, parkland events run at the same time as MTBO events, or events run by regional clubs.

All events on the Orienteering Victoria fixture list are liable for payment of event levies unless these have been specifically waived.

### **Procedure for Setting Fixtures**

The following events should not oppose each other (for the purposes of this policy, ‘oppose’ is defined as a timing/location such that it would be impossible to participate in both events):

1. Events that should not be opposed by any other Orienteering Victoria event

Victorian Championships (Long, Middle and Sprint)

Victorian Relays

Victorian MTBO Championships

Australian 3-Days (if held in Victoria)

Any Australian Championship Carnival event (foot or MTBO) if held in Victoria

2. Events that State Series (foot) should not oppose/be opposed by

Any Australian Championships Carnival event

Australian 3-Days

Any other OV event other than park/street events

Clashes with state championships in adjoining states shall be decided on a case-by-case basis, depending on the likely attractiveness of that event to Victorians (location, terrain, timing etc.) and the ability to construct a suitable calendar in Victoria for September.

The relevant sub-committees advise the Board, not later than the July Board meeting, of the number of fixtures of each type they wish to have in the following year (the relevant sub-committees here are the Park/street subcommittee for park/street and metro events, the MTBO subcommittee for MTBO events, and the Bush subcommittee for bush events). This advice would include the number of events of each type.

The Board ratifies (or otherwise) these numbers at its July meeting and passes them on to the Fixtures Secretary to construct a draft calendar (containing dates for events of each type, but no venues).

The Fixtures sub-committee meets around the end of August/early September to allocate clubs/venues to the proposed dates.

The Board ratifies a final calendar at its September meeting.

The Park/Street fixtures process operates independently, but the Fixtures must be ratified by the Board prior to publication.

**Country clubs - local events**

Most country clubs conduct local events which may clash with other minor OV events held some distance away. These are normally advertised in OVic in order to be covered by OA insurance and a lower event levy is paid to Orienteering Victoria.

**Advertising for events**

Clubs must ensure that the completed Coming Events information sheet is forwarded to the OVic Victoria Coming Events Editor by the due date listed in the previous issue of OVic.

Event details are also published in the E-Bulletin one or two weeks prior to the event.

IF THERE ARE ANY LATE CHANGES TO EVENT LOCATION DETAILS, organisers must ensure that the Orienteering Victoria Secretary and all Club secretaries are notified. It is the organiser's responsibility to publicise the changes as widely as possible.