

## **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

### **Full Membership**

Full Membership of Orienteering Victoria (as a senior, junior or family member) entitles the member to

1. Receipt of OVic, the magazine of Orienteering Victoria
2. Discounted entry fee at events where this is offered, and season tickets
3. Eligible to enter the Victorian Long Distance Championships
4. Eligibility to win Victorian Orienteer of the Year and Victorian resident champion at individual championships
5. Reciprocal rights at interstate events
6. Receipt of Australian Orienteer, the official magazine of Orienteering Australia.

### **Casual Membership**

Participants at any event, including park/street, bush and MTBO events, who are not Full Members, Life Members, Registered Officials, or Associate Members, are required to join Orienteering Victoria as Casual Members at the first event attended in a year. Casual members must provide their name, year of birth and gender, and may provide an email address. Casual Membership of Orienteering Victoria entitles the member to participate in Orienteering Victoria events, and to receive the weekly electronic newsletter. However, Casual Members do not receive any of the entitlements listed under Full Membership above. Casual Members are covered by Public Liability Insurance. There is no fee for Casual Membership.

### **Registered Officials**

Registered Officials membership of Orienteering Victoria provides the registered official with Public Liability Insurance cover when organizing, controlling or course setting an event of any type. Registered Officials membership does not entitle the registered official to any other of the benefits of full membership. Registered officials upgrading to full membership are given credit for any registered officials membership fee they have paid with respect to that year.

### **Associate Membership**

For either a school or organisation, entitles the group to

1. Discounted entry fees for students and teachers to events listed on the OV Fixture
2. Receipt of OVic magazine
3. Eligibility to enter the Victorian Long Distance Championships
4. Receipt of Australian Orienteer, the official magazine of Orienteering Australia

### **Life Members**

Nominations for Orienteering Victoria Life Membership will be considered by the Board at its April meeting. The Board may put a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting. No more than 2 nominees for life membership will be put forward by the Board to the AGM in any one year. Nominations for Life Membership may be made by individuals, clubs or by the Board itself. They should be accompanied by details of the reasons for which the nominee is being nominated, which should include exceptional service to the sport in Victoria over an extended period.

Life Members are entitled to free membership of Orienteering Victoria. Life members appointed prior to 2005 are entitled to free entry to events other than those on the National (OA) fixture list. Life Members appointed from 2005 onwards have the right to enter the Victorian Championships (foot and MTBO) free of charge (with the organizing club being reimbursed by Orienteering Victoria), OR to receive one free Park/Street season ticket per annum.

## **CLUB RELATIONSHIPS WITH ORIENTEERING VICTORIA**

A new club seeking affiliation with Orienteering Victoria is required to satisfy the Board that:

- it has satisfied the membership requirements of having at least 10 paid-up members
- it has, or is developing, a Constitution and becoming Incorporated

A club satisfying the membership requirements is given provisional affiliation, subject to becoming Incorporated within 6 months. If a club is already Incorporated it is granted full affiliation immediately.

New clubs are exempt from club affiliation fees in their first year, and in their second year they are charged at the lowest level, i.e. the rate currently applying to remote clubs. They are then charged at the full rate in their third year.

In order to remain affiliated with Orienteering Victoria, existing clubs must fulfill the following criteria, to be assessed by the Board as at March 31 each year:

1. Activity – a club must have organized at least one event recognized on the Orienteering Victoria fixture or otherwise sanctioned by OV, within the previous 2 years
2. Governance – a club must be Incorporated
3. Finance – a club must have paid all affiliation fees and levies owed by March 31

A club which fails to meet all criteria may either:

- be given a fixed period of time (eg 3 months) to meet all criteria or cease to be affiliated
- apply to have its affiliation suspended
- have its affiliation terminated by resolution of the Council

Note: the implications of a club having its affiliation terminated or suspended, in terms of map rights, is to be determined by Council.

### Reporting requirements

Clubs are asked to lodge the following with Orienteering Victoria annually:

- annual accounts (as lodged with the Registrar of Incorporated Associations)
- number of members (OV and non-OV members)

Orienteering Victoria has adopted the principle of regionalization whereby clubs accept the main responsibility for promoting and developing orienteering in their area, but without restricting membership or activity to that area.

The benefits of Orienteering Victoria affiliation include:

- \* Coverage by OA insurance policies for advertised events
- \* Advertising in OVic for coming events
- \* Membership of the IOF - International Orienteering Federation
- \* Access to loan funds for map production
- \* Access to technical expertise
- \* Receipt of copies of minutes of all meetings
- \* Compete in teams events of OV and OA providing that the competing members are registered members of OV
- \* Use of OV equipment