

## **COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This is an annual award instigated in 1994 to recognise the contributions of coaches to Orienteering in Victoria.

### **Eligibility for Nomination**

Nominees must be a financial member of Orienteering Victoria and currently registered as an orienteering coach with the Australian Coaching Council.

An individual coach or a pair of coaches who have been working together and whose contributions to orienteering cannot be separated may be nominated.

Coaches may be nominated by either a club affiliated with Orienteering Victoria or by an individual who is a member of Orienteering Victoria.

### **Selection Criteria**

The award will be judged on the basis of contributions to orienteering coaching, coaching development or coaching education in Victoria over the year of the award and/or previous years. Contributions to coaching at a National or International level will be recognised, but preference will be given to services which benefit Victorian orienteering coaching.

### **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee shall consist of the Coaching Co-ordinator and two other members of the OV Board nominated by the Coaching Co-ordinator. Board members who have been nominated for the award or who have nominated someone for the award shall not be on the selection committee. If the Coaching Co-ordinator is excluded by the above, the President shall take his/her place. The award shall be judged by a vote. In the event of a tie, another member of the Board shall be co-opted to vote.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Nominations shall be called for by advertising in the December issue of O-Vic and by circulation to clubs. The eligibility criteria, selection criteria, nomination procedure and closing date shall be made clear in the call for nominations. The closing date should be set at a minimum of six weeks from the call for nominations. Nominations must be made in writing and sent to the Coaching Co-ordinator or Board. The nominations must clearly identify the contribution to orienteering coaching for which the coach is being nominated.

### **Presentation of the Award**

The Coaching Co-ordinator shall organise the award. The award shall be presented at a suitable orienteering event (ie. in conjunction with other award presentations where orienteers are present) relatively early in the year. If there have been no suitable events by May, the award shall be presented at the Orienteering Victoria AGM. The recipient(s) of the award shall be named in the Orienteering Victoria Annual Report and in O-Vic.

## **ROCKHOPPER AWARDS**

The Rockhopper Orienteering Club folded in late 1995. In order to perpetuate the memory of the club, the following two awards were established for Victorian Orienteering.

### **Rockhopper Junior Award**

Rockhopper Orienteers have donated a sum of \$8,500 to Orienteering Victoria. This sum is to be invested by OV and the interest is to be used to provide two awards annually of \$250 each for the best performing boy from M16, M18 or M20 and the best performing girl from W16, W18 or W20, as nominated by the Junior Squad Coach in consultation with the Coaching Committee.

If the interest exceeds \$500, the excess shall be reinvested to add to the capital. If the interest is less than \$500, the capital shall be reduced by the difference, unless the OV Council resolves to make up the difference with OV funds.

The OV Council will have the power to vary the conditions of these awards in the future to take account of inflation, varying interest rates, and the changes in capital invested. Rockhopper Orienteers expected that the initial conditions as listed above, would remain for five years, this five year period has now passed.

If in the opinion of the Junior Squad Coach and the Coaching Committee, there has been no performance of sufficient standard to warrant either or both awards, then no award shall be made that year and the interest shall be reinvested to add to the capital.

### **Rockhopper Trophy - Victorian Club Championship**

Rockhopper Orienteers have donated to Orienteering Victoria a trophy to be known as the Rockhopper Trophy. This trophy is to be awarded annually to the Champion Club affiliated to Orienteering Victoria. Previously it was determined by the total points received by members of each club in A age class (other than M/W 10) in State Series foot events.

The OV Council has exercised its power to amend the method of determining the Champion Club. Rockhopper Orienteers expected that the initial conditions remained as above for five years and that the trophy always be awarded on the basis of performance in A classes only. However the five year period has now passed and the following new rules have been introduced to expand, enhance and improve the award.

The Rockhopper Trophy will be awarded to the club that has gained the most points in the 12 month period leading up to the annual presentations day. Points will be earned as follows-

Points will be awarded in the Victorian Individual Long and Middle Distance Foot Championships, the Victorian Club Foot Relays, and all State Series Foot events.

In individual events, points will be awarded as follows:

- a) A classes: 10, 9, 8, ..., 1 for places 1-10.
- b) AS classes (and Power Walkers A where offered): 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for places 1-5.
- c) B classes (and Power Walkers AS where offered): 3, 2, 1 for places 1-3.

In Relay events, points will be awarded as follows:

- a) Mixed: 20, 18, 16 for places 1-10.
- b) All other groups: 40, 36, 32, ..., for places 1-10.

All age classes count towards the scoring, including M/W10.

Individuals will not be required to be Orienteeing Victoria members to earn points for their club. Only paid up members of Victorian clubs will be included in the placings for the purposes of scoring points (i.e. if a visiting orienteer wins an A class, the leading Victorian club member receives 10 points). The statistician adding up Trophy points will be entitled to consider a competitor a member of the club that they nominated on their entry form, without making further checks to ensure that they are paid up members. In this regard, it is expected that-

- event officials will ensure that entry forms are correctly transcribed into the official results. (Clubs running the first State Series event of the year will not be able to assume a club, e.g., by use of the OE Archive.)
- competitors will correctly complete entry forms with their nominated club consistently included.

A club member who is also a member of an interstate or overseas club and competes in Victoria only occasionally must have entered at least one Victorian non-national-fixtured event in the previous 3 years to be eligible to score points for their club in the Victorian Middle or Long Championships. Club members qualifying under this 3-year rule are permitted to run in any Victorian State Championships under their non-Victorian club and still be eligible to earn points.

A nominated club must be selected for each form of orienteeing a member competes in (foot, park and street, radio, mtb etc). Only one club may be nominated per form, however a different club can be nominated for each form. Members of multiple Victorian clubs may only change their nominated club(s) at the end of the competition year. In effect, the club nominated in the first State Series event entered for the year will be taken as the nominated bush foot club for the year. *This rule will also apply to team entries in the Victorian Club Relays event.*

Club Officers (e.g. Membership Secretaries) may advise the statistician of any corrections they believe necessary to correct the club nominations made. Unless the correction is to advise that a person in question is not a paid-up club member (or never was), a Club Officer wishing to challenge the club (or lack of a club) against a competitor's name in any results they must first have the express approval of the competitor in question before they advise the change or correction.

Points may also be claimed by clubs as per the attached claim form. The claim form must be completed, signed by an authorised club officer and provided to the statistician no later than 7 days after the last eligible event. The statistician will be required to call for completed forms (e.g. by notice in the e-Bulletin) but will not be required to validate any claims subsequently made. In the case of any dispute over these rules and the interpretation of the rules and allocation of points, the statistician's decision will be final (except in the event of dispute over points personally earned by the statistician or the statistician's club, in which case the VOA President will make the final decision).

See attached **Rockhopper Trophy Points Claim Form**.

In 2004 the following special awards were also introduced:

- an annual award for Services to Orienteering in Victoria, selected by the OV Board
- three awards for the Best Course of the Year in Bush, Mountain Bike and Park/Street orienteering (nominations called for, then judged by the relevant subcommittee). From 2008 – Bush Course of the Year to be judged by submission of master maps to Route Gadget (web based route comparison tool), then judged by a subcommittee

In 2008 the following award was introduced: the Orienteering Victoria Award for Event Management. This award applies to individuals, teams or clubs that make an outstanding effort in running an event (separate to course setting considerations).

See also **Honour Rolls**.

**ROCKHOPPER TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Developmental Activity	Points available	Number of claims	Name(s) of applicable member(s)	Points claimed
Attendance at a formal orienteering related course (e.g., first-aid course)	5 (per member attending each course)			
Member sets courses for or controls a State Series or higher event	10 (per instance)			
Member takes on role of Series Coordinator, sub-committee chair or other non-elected Orienteering Victoria office (e.g. Statistician or Series Scorer)	15 (per role)			
Club Officer(s) attend all 3 OV Council meetings	15 (5 per meeting)			
Member edits or authors articles for State or National orienteering magazines	15 (per member per year)			
Member selected to Victorian Schools Team	20 (per selectee*)			
Member scores (at least 1) point for Victoria in NOL competitions	25 (per <i>Nugget</i> team member)			
Member takes on role of National Selector	25 (per role)			
Member obtains initial or upgraded coaching qualification	30 (per instance)			
Member selected to national team ((J)WOC, Aust'n Schools or Bushrangers)	30 (per selectee*)			
Member conducts or creates a formal training course or seminar (e.g. SI or mapping course)	30 (per course)			
Member elected to OV or OA Boards	35 (per member)			
Member coaches or manages a national orienteering team	35 (per role)			
Club conducts a State Series or higher event	40 (per event)			
Club or member develops a new initiative adopted or copied by other clubs	40 (per initiative)			