

2.4 AUSTRALIA -NEW ZEALAND CHALLENGE RULES

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 At each Oceania Championships where the forest based formats of long distance, middle distance and relay are held, (or as agreed between the two nations) Australia and New Zealand will compete in a two-nation orienteering competition, known as The Australia-New Zealand Challenge (AUS-NZL Challenge).
- 1.2 The Challenge will consist of an Individual Challenge, based on the Oceania Long Distance, Middle Distance and Sprint Distance Championships, and a Relay Challenge, based on the Oceania Relay Championships.

2 Challenge Teams

- 2.1 The Challenge shall be conducted in M21 and W21 and any of the following age classes W-16, W-18, W-20, W21, M-16, M-18, M-20, M21, and any Masters class from M/W35 upwards. The visiting nation shall determine the actual classes to be contested in the Challenge, with the minimum number nominated being men's and women's 21, -16, -20, 40, 50 and 60.
- 2.2 Each nation's team will consist of three competitors only in each Challenge age class.. Each team member may be nominated for one age class only. Different teams may be selected for different competitions within the Challenge.
- 2.3 The visiting nation is to advise the host nation of the classes to be contested at least one month prior to the Challenge. Teams for each event must be notified by both nations to each other and to the Oceania Championships organiser at least 48 hours prior to the start of that event. Subsequently however, team changes may only be made with agreement from the opposing nation's manager and this agreement is only to be given in exceptional circumstances such as an injury.

2.4 Team members must be members of a State Association or National Federation and either:

- A citizen of the nation they are representing; or
- A permanent resident of the nation they are representing; or
- A New Zealand citizen who has been resident in Australia for at least four years may represent Australia; or
- An Australian citizen who has been resident in New Zealand for at least four years may represent New Zealand.

3 Individual Challenge

3.1 In each Challenge class, for each nation the times of the two fastest team members are added to give the team time. The nation with the lower team time is the winner of the class. The nation with the most class wins across the three events is the winner of the Individual Challenge.

4 Relay Challenge

4.1 For each Challenge class, the winning nation is the nation whose Challenge team is the faster. The nation with the most class wins is the winner of the Relay Challenge.

5 Results and Trophies

5.1 Where the Oceania Championships is being conducted in Australia or New Zealand, there should be a separate result display with Australian and New Zealand team members clearly distinguished for both the Individual and Relay Challenges.

5.2 After each Challenge event the following major trophies will be presented, either at the event or at a suitable function that evening:

- Individual Challenge: Challenge Cup
- Relay Challenge: Brown Memorial Trophy

5.3 In the case of a tie, the relevant trophy will be appropriately inscribed but will remain in the possession of the defending nation.

6 Amendments

6.1 These rules may be varied or waived from time to time by agreement between Orienteering Australia and Orienteering New Zealand.

7 Review of Policy

7.1 This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Boards of Orienteering Australia and Orienteering New Zealand.