

## **Appendix 11: The Oceania Orienteering Championships incorporating the Oceania Junior Orienteering Championships and the Oceania Youth Orienteering Championships**

The Oceania Orienteering Championships (in short OOC) is the official event to award the titles of Oceania Champion in Orienteering. It incorporates the Oceania Junior Orienteering Championships (OJOC) and the Oceania Youth Orienteering Championships (OYOC). It is organised by the appointed member Federation under the auspices of the IOF.

The event must follow the IOF Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events unless otherwise stated in these rules.

If one or more of the Oceania Championships competitions form part of the World Cup, the Competition Rules for the World Cup (including any Special Rules) must take precedence over these rules where any conflict exists.

### **1. Principles for OOC**

The Championships must be organised in accordance with the following principles:

- The participants must be offered competitions of international technical standard.
- The aim of the competition is to encourage competitive orienteering and the development of Orienteering as a whole in the Oceania region.
- In addition, the championships must aim to encourage more participation from member Federations of the Oceania region giving competitors, leaders and other representatives of orienteering a possibility to meet outside the forest.
- The costs of participation must be kept affordable, whilst also covering the cost of event organisation, and accommodation of different standards and prices must be offered.
- For the Junior and Youth competitors in particular, the event must have a social and competitive atmosphere, letting young people exchange experience and find new friends, besides competing at a high technical level. It must aim to be a milestone in the development and training plans towards achieving more Elite orienteers in each member country.

### **2. Event programme**

The event is organised every year. In odd years, the programme includes a Long Distance, Middle Distance, Sprint and Relay. In even years, the programme includes a Sprint for all classes, a Knock Out Sprint for W21 Elite and M21 Elite, and a Sprint Relay for OOC and OYOC. An event nominally allocated to a given year may alternatively be organised on any date after 1 September of the previous year if approved by IOF.

The Long distance, Middle distance and Sprint competitions consist of finals only. In the Relay competition, each team consists of 3 competitors from the same Federation. In the Sprint Relay competition, each team consists of 4 competitors from the same Federation. The dates of the OOC must be co-ordinated with other international events and finally approved by the IOF. The OJOC and OYOC events must be staged together with OOC.

### **3. Event application and appointment of organiser**

The OOC alternates between the Australian and New Zealand Federations until such time as other Federations have the resources to hold the competition, with Australia organising in two consecutive years followed by New Zealand in two consecutive years. The Federation which organises OOC, is also the organiser of OJOC and OYOC. Applications must reach the IOF Office before 1 January two years prior to the event year.

The provisional appointment of organisers or organising Federations is made by the IOF Council no later than 31 October the same year. Each appointment must be confirmed by the signing, within 6 months, of a contract to organise the event, else Council may make an alternative appointment. An IOF licensed Event Adviser must be appointed by the IOF to

control the event. It is recommended that the Event Adviser be from a Federation other than the organising Federation.

#### **4. Eligibility and Classes**

Competitors representing member Federations of the IOF, defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the Oceania continent, can compete in the OOC, OJOC and OYOC.

Competitors from Federations of the IOF outside of the Oceania continent can compete but will not be eligible for OOC, OJOC and OYOC titles or prizes.

The classes for OOC are W21 Elite and M21 Elite. There is no age limit.

The classes for OJOC are:

- W20: for female competitors who are no more than 20 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.
- M20: for competitors who are no more than 20 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.

The classes for OYOC are:

- W16: for female competitors who are no more than 16 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.
- W18: for female competitors who are no more than 18 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.
- M16: for competitors who are no more than 16 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.
- M18: for competitors who are no more than 18 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.

The OYOC Sprint Relay has the class M/W18 only. If there are fewer than 6 teams entered for the event, the OYOC and OOC Sprint Relay events may, with the approval of the Event Adviser, be combined with the OYOC results determined by the placings of eligible teams in the combined event.

Other classes outside the IOF regional championships will be contested according to rules agreed between the participating Oceania federations.

All registered competitors can participate in all individual competitions. In the Relay competition, mixed teams of women and men may be registered for the “men’s” relay. If a Federation is not able to form full relay teams (even mixed ones), it may register incomplete teams. Mixed teams with competitors from different federations may also be registered but they will not be eligible for titles or prizes.

In a Sprint Relay the first and last legs must be run by women.

#### **5. Entries**

The OOC, OJOC and OYOC are open-entry events in which competitors enter as individuals and/or relay teams, and there is no restriction on the number of competitors and/or relay teams.

The Long distance, Middle distance and Sprint OOC competitions have WRE status and therefore it is mandatory to manage entries for W21 Elite and M21 Elite classes with IOF Eventor. This may be done by linking the IOF Eventor listing for the event with an alternative entry system providing that all event information and results required under the IOF Competition Rules is made available through IOF Eventor.

#### **6. Starting order and start interval**

For OOC individual races the start draw must be made in two groups. All non-eligible and non-ranked competitors must start in the first group and the order must be drawn at random. All ranked competitors must start in the second group. For the first race, in the second group the starting order must be according to the order of their IOF World Ranking with the highest ranked starting last in the group. The World Ranking list used must be the one published 10 days before the first race. On subsequent races the order in the second group must be drawn at random.

For OJOC and OYOC individual races the starting order must be drawn at random. Depending on the number of entries in each class, the draw may be made in two or more starting groups with competitors from each participating country being divided as evenly as possible between the two groups.

In the Relays, the entered teams are given start numbers according to the sequence of their placings in the last relay championship in question. Those not being placed in the last championship are given the subsequent start numbers in alphabetical order.

The start interval in the Long distance competitions is 3 minutes, in the Middle distance competitions it is 2 minutes and in the Sprint distance it is 1 minute. For Relay competitions mass starts must be used.

## **7. Maps**

The maps used for OOC, OJOC and OYOC must be according to the IOF rules and international specification of ISOM/ISSprOM. The map scale for Long distance competitions may be 1:10000.

## **8. Results**

If any non-eligible competitors participate in the competition, separate results lists must be published, one list showing the results of all eligible competitors, a second with results for all competitors. For the Relays there must be two result lists produced, one full result list and one that excludes non-eligible teams and teams that are not the best placed for the Federation. It is important that all entered individuals and teams for all competitions and classes are named and assigned with the right Federation.

For OOC the title of Oceania Orienteering Champion will be awarded in each class to the winning competitor in each competition. If other classes run the same course as M/W21E, then competitors in those classes are also eligible to be overall Oceania Orienteering Champion.

For OJOC the title of Oceania Junior Orienteering Champion will be awarded in each class to the winning competitor in each competition.

For OYOC the title of Oceania Youth Orienteering Champion will be awarded in each class to the winning competitor in each competition.

## **9. Prizes**

The IOF provides specially designed medals for individual competitions (medals for the first 3 places in each class and competition) and relay competitions (medals for each member of the first 3 teams in each class) and diplomas for places 1-6 for all competitions.

## **10. Jury**

The jury is appointed by the IOF Council. The organiser must propose the 3 voting members, at least one of whom must be from outside the host Federation.

## 11. Courses

The courses must be set to give the following winning times, for the leading Oceania competitor, in minutes:

Classes	Sprint	Middle distance	Long distance	Relay (total of 3 legs)
W16	12-15 min	25-30 min	50-60 min	90-120 min
W18	12-15 min	30-35 min	60-70 min	105-135 min
W20	12-15 min	30-35 min	65-75 min	105-135 min
W21 Elite	12-15 min	30-35 min	88-92 min	105-135 min
M16	12-15 min	25-30 min	50-60 min	90-120 min
M18	12-15 min	30-35 min	60-70 min	105-135 min
M20	12-15 min	30-35 min	65-75 min	105-135 min
M21 Elite	12-15 min	30-35 min	88-92 min	105-135 min

In the Sprint Relay, the winning time (total of 4 legs) for M/W21 must be 55-60 minutes and for M/W18 must be 45-50 minutes.

## 12. Knock-out sprint

The knock-out sprint is contested in M/W21 Elite only. Except as specified below, the event must be staged in accordance with Rule 12.24 with courses as per Rule 16.10.

In addition to the Final, a B-final must be staged, unless all six competitors in the Final are eligible for OOC. This consists of the 6 highest-ranked competitors (plus ties) from the Semi-Finals who are eligible for OOC and did not qualify for the Final. First the three third-placed finishers in the semi-finals are considered, then the three fourth-placed finishers, then the three fifth-placed finishers and finally the three sixth-placed finishers. If there are fewer than 6 eligible competitors, the B-final includes only those competitors. The final placings for OOC are determined from the Final and B-final, with the winner of the B-final ranked behind the last OOC-eligible competitor in the Final. The B-final is not used for the calculation of World Ranking points.