

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1 Responsibility for these Rules is jointly vested in School Sport Australia and Orienteering Australia and may only be amended with the approval of both bodies.

CR = OA Competition Rules cross reference

RULES OF COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY

2 Eligible competitors will be those selected and nominated in the correct age classes in accord with the procedures laid down by the state affiliates of School Sport Australia. Students must be in attendance at schools recognised by state Education Departments. The age of competitors shall be calculated as at the 31 December in the year of competition. (CR 6.12)

3 The minimum age for selection in state teams is the twelfth year from the year of birth. (CR 6.12)

4 The Australian Schools Orienteering Championship event, accommodation facilities, eating arrangements, social activities etc, will be available only for the competition participants and team officials (maximum 4).

TEAM DOCUMENTATION

5 States will be required to present team documentation as per School Sport Australia policy at or before the Management Meeting at the beginning of each annual carnival. (CR 6.13)

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

6 All competition rules of Orienteering Australia will apply with the exception of those governing eligibility to compete in the event and the age classes. (See OA Competition Rules)

7 The age classes shall be as follows:

- Boys 19 years and under Girls 19 years and under
- Boys 15 years and under Girls 15 years and under

8 Each state may nominate a maximum of four (4) runners in each age class. No additional competitors outside the 16 team members are allowed to participate in the individual or relay event. Late replacements of team members will be permitted provided the final composition of any team is declared at or before the Management Meeting at the beginning of the carnival and the appropriate documentation can be provided.

9 There will be two events for which teams may score points. An individual competition in which the performance of the first three (3) out of the four runners will count for a team result, and a relay event in which three runners compose an official team in each class. (CR 3.7, CR 25.12)

10 The course setters for the individual event are to plan courses with the following anticipated winning times: (CR 16.20)

- Boys 19 years and under: 45 - 50 mins Girls 19 years and under: 45 - 50 mins
- Boys 15 years and under: 35 - 40 mins Girls 15 years and under: 35 - 40 mins

11 The course setters for the relays are to plan courses with the following anticipated winning times:

Boys 19 years and under: 35 mins Girls 19 years and under: 35 mins
Boys 15 years and under: 30 mins Girls 15 years and under: 30 mins

12 Runners must compete in the same age class in both the individual and relay event with the exception of the conditions set out in clause 13.

13 In the event of a state having been able to nominate only one or two competitors in a class for the carnival, or in the event of injury or illness affecting a 19 years and under competitor during the period of the Championship which prevents the runner from taking further part, a 15 years and under member of the team may be promoted to the 19 years and under class, or a girl may run in a boys team at the appropriate age, provided approval of the Championship jury is obtained prior to the team change.

14 A start draw for the individual event is to be conducted on the evening prior to the race as follows:

- The starting sequence in each class shall be organised in four start groups.
- Each state may nominate one runner for each of the four groups, provided that where a state has fewer than four runners in each class they may choose in which groups they nominate their runners.
- The starting order in each group shall be drawn at random except that two runners from the one state may not be drawn to start consecutively.
- The starting interval between runners will be three (3) minutes.

15 In the relay, state officials will have the right to nominate the running order for their teams. A mass start will be used for the first leg and the courses will be set so that all of the teams have visited all the same controls and run all the same legs between controls by the end of the race.

16 Competitors not included in the state relay teams will be arranged by organisers into ad hoc composite teams which will be entitled to compete in the relay event but not receive awards or contribute to team points.

17 Protests regarding mistakes made by organisers or against disqualifications may be lodged by the state team managers, and will be dealt with in accord with OFA competition rules. A protest jury will be appointed by the organising state in accordance with OA competition rule 29. The committee shall consist of representatives from three (3) different states with the National Secretary (or his/her representative) to be a non-voting member of the protest jury. (CR 27, 28, 29)

GUIDELINES for ORGANISATION**MEETINGS**

1 The Australian Secondary Schools Orienteering Association shall hold two (2) meetings during the period of the national carnival. The Management Meeting will be conducted prior to the commencement of the competition and the Annual General Meeting during the concluding period of the carnival. Both meetings will be conducted in accord with the procedures set out in the Australian Secondary Schools Orienteering Association Constitution. (CR 13.1)

DUTIES OF THE HOST STATE/TERRITORY

2 The Host State will be responsible for all aspects of the organisation of the carnival and will appoint a person to liaise with School Sport Australia and the State/Territory team managers. The Host State/Territory should prepare a budget and establish an event levy in consultation with the National Secretary. It will be responsible for the issue of receipts, the payments of accounts and the preparation of a financial statement in accord with the constitutional requirements.

3 The Host State/Territory may negotiate and enter into agreement with sponsors provided the National Secretary is kept informed and there is no conflict of interest in the sponsorship deal with any general sponsorships arranged with School Sport Australia or Orienteering Australia.

4 When the Host State/Territory has been determined for a particular year, the host organisation should request the relevant State Orienteering Association appoint a suitable event controller in accordance with Orienteering Australia Rules. The host state is also expected to provide an appropriate person to chair the Management Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

CEREMONIES

5 It is recommended that a presentation night, to which sponsors, School Sport Australia and Orienteering Australia representatives are invited, be conducted during or at the end of the carnival.

AWARDS

6 Individual badges and/or School Sport Australia medallions may be presented as well as certificates or trophies in each class in the individual event. School Sport Australia medallions are to be presented to winning relay teams and place-getters. (CR 25.13)

7 An overall trophy, the ASSOA Shield, is to be presented to the best performed state team. Points will be awarded on the following basis for all age classes in both the team and the relay competitions. (CR 25.14)

1st	-	7 points
2nd	-	6 points
3rd	-	5 points
4th	-	4 points
5th	-	3 points
6th	-	2 points
7th	-	1 point

Total points for all age classes to count.

HONOUR TEAM

8 Should the Management Committee determine that the event has attracted the best possible range of national talent, an Australian Honour Team may be announced at the end of the carnival and recognised by the presentation of a

suitable trophy or item of clothing arranged by the Host State/Territory. The following procedures will apply: (CR 25.15)

- a) A selection panel of three (3) will be appointed at the Management Meeting before the commencement of competition.
- b) The team will consist of a maximum of four (4) competitors from each age group (a lesser number may be selected should the standard be considered to be below par).
- c) Greater emphasis should be given to the individual event results ahead of the relays.
- d) In considering the relay results the selectors should note the different legs run by the competitors.
- e) The selectors may make use of different formulae for analysing the results (eg placings, kilometre rates and total elapsed times).
- f) Any competitor who has been found to have breached the Code of Behaviour set down by School Sport Australia shall not be eligible for selection.
- g) Any competitor who has been disqualified (DNF, DSQ) from either event shall not be eligible for selection.
- h) Any 15 years and under competitor who performs well in the individual event and is subsequently elevated to a 19 years and under relay team (in accordance with rule 13) may still be considered.

BILLETING

9 Because it is often necessary to conduct the event away from major population centres where suitable terrain and maps are available, hostel type accommodation at a reasonable cost may be organised as an alternative to billeting.

SERVICE AWARDS

10 The Annual General Meeting may recommend awards in accordance with the School Sport Australia Service Awards policy.

JOINT ASSOA/OA CHAMPIONSHIP

11 Where a decision has been reached between the ASSOA and Orienteering Australia (or its host state affiliate), a joint championship may be conducted in accord with the above rules and guidelines.

12 School Sport Australia endorsement for this procedure should be sought twelve months in advance and a joint committee set up to handle the organisation of the carnival. It is recommended that under these arrangements the host School Sport Australia association undertake all duty of care and educational responsibilities and the State/Territory Orienteering Association undertake all technical responsibilities. Other administrative tasks should be the responsibility of the joint committee.

13 The preferred name of the event is "The Australian Schools Orienteering Championship, jointly hosted by School Sport Australia and Orienteering Australia".

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