THE SILVA MEDAL   2.17

1   The award, which is a 16cm bronze statue depicting an orienteer, was made available in 1975 by the Silva Company. The statue is a replica of the life-size statue outside the Silva factory in Stockholm. A replica medal is also awarded.

2   The award is presented to the Australian Resident competitor who accumulates the most points according to the following criteria:

a)   Points are awarded to Australian Residents only (as defined in OA Competition Rule 6.3) in the highest grade (Elite or A) of each age class from M and W-16 and above.

b)   Points for placings are only awarded if there are at least four starters in the class. If less than four starters, points are only awarded for finishing.

c)   Points are awarded for Days 1, 2 and 3 of the Australian 3-Days Championship, the Australian Long Distance Championships, the Australian Middle Distance Championships, the Australian Sprint Championships, any State Long Distance Championship conducted at the Australian Championships Carnival and the Asia Pacific Orienteering Championships or Oceania Championships (when conducted in Australia) as follows: 1st – 4 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points, for otherwise finishing 1 point.

d)   The Silva Medal winner is the orienteer with the maximum number of points accumulated from their best six events. In the event of a tie, the Silva Medal will be determined by count back using the largest combined winning margin, where the combined winning margin is defined for that orienteer's best six events as:

$$\sum \left[\frac{2^{nd} \text{ Place Times} - \text{Individual's Time}}{\text{Winner's Times}} \right]$$

3   A list of the top 20 placegetters will be published in *The Australian Orienteer* and on the Orienteering Australia website.

4   The Medal for the previous year's competition will be presented at Orienteering Australia Annual Awards evening.

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