

ASSISTANCE TO ELITE COMPETITORS ONSW Manual **8.3**

- 1 ONSW recognises the value of successful elite competitors in promoting a positive image for the sport, as well as recognising the inherent worthiness of achieving excellence in orienteering. Furthermore ONSW recognises the need to foster and encourage promising or established elite competitors by providing financial support in their competitive endeavours where urgently needed.
- 2 Members of NSW Clubs who are selected in Australian Foot WOC, Foot JWOC, MTBO WOC, MTBO JWOC or Bushranger teams shall be automatically awarded a grant of \$500 to assist with their expenses. The ONSW Board may set conditions on this award.
- 3 ONSW may assist orienteers in locating funds from other bodies.
- 4 The term "Elite" is not to be confined to M/W 21E competition, but extends to all competitors and performance considered to be of superlative standard irrespective of age class.
- 5 ONSW may offer financial assistance to competitive orienteers upon satisfaction of the following criteria:
 - a) the applicant for assistance must be a full member of an affiliated club
 - b) the applicant must be a proven competitor of substantial elite orienteering achievement, or at least the very definite promise of such
 - c) the applicant has demonstrable need for financial assistance, including the unavailability or inadequacy of other avenues of assistance
 - d) the assistance is to be applied solely for the purpose of competition or training and any reasonable expense incurred therein.
- 6 Assistance can be in the form of entry fees paid, interest free loans or ex-gratia payments.
- 7 Each application is to be treated on its merits. However, ONSW is not obliged to give assistance in the event of funds being scarce.

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