

1 Purpose

Awards are made by ONSW to recognise competition, participation, and service to the sport of orienteering in NSW. These awards are in recognition of the individuals or clubs concerned and do not bestow upon the individuals or club any special or extra benefits or rights, except where specifically stated.

2 Scope

This policy applies to

- Annual ONSW Awards
- Annual ONSW Junior Awards
- ONSW Course Setter of the Year
- NSW Orienteer of the Year Awards
- NSW Championships Awards

This policy does not apply to awards made for regional or local event series.

3 Annual ONSW Awards

3.1 Description of awards

President's Award (determined by the ONSW President)

Awarded to an individual, group or club for outstanding service to orienteering, including its furtherance, in NSW. The award will be a perpetual trophy and certificate.

President's Junior Award (determined by the ONSW President)

Awarded to a Junior (defined as age 20 or under) for significant contributions to the sport beyond competition in NSW. The awards will be a perpetual trophy and certificate.

Encouragement Award (also known as the Cox's Cup) (determined by the ONSW Board)

Awarded to an individual who makes efforts to encourage other orienteers by both personal efforts and example in NSW. The award will be a perpetual trophy (donated by Bryony and Tim Cox) and certificate.

Club of the Year (determined by the ONSW Board)

Awarded to an ONSW club showing a high level of achievement in promotion, membership, event organisation and competition. The award will be a perpetual trophy.

Rookie of the Year (determined by the ONSW Board)

Awarded to an individual with limited orienteering experience (up to two (2) seasons) showing improvement in competition standard, normally evidenced by a high level of achievement when competing on either Moderate or Hard courses at State League level. The award will be a perpetual trophy and a certificate.

Volunteer of the Year (determined by the ONSW Board)

Awarded in recognition of meritorious service to the sport of orienteering in NSW. The award will be a perpetual trophy and certificate. (Employees of ONSW will not be considered for this award.)

3.2 Nomination and selection

ONSW Board members, clubs and members may propose nominees for consideration for these awards by providing the candidate's name, club and an award proposal to the ONSW Secretary by the deadline published annually.

If there are no candidates deemed suitable for a specific award in a particular year, no award need be made.

The award recipients are confirmed at a suitable meeting of the ONSW Board.

4 Annual ONSW Junior Participation Awards

4.1 Description of awards

The NSW Junior Participation Awards are awarded annually at three levels for regular participation in orienteering events, for children aged 15 and under:

Waratah Award (100 points) – small trophy and certificate

Banksia Award (75 points) –certificate

Wattle Award (50 points) – certificate

There is no limit to the number of awards.

4.2 Participation in this award scheme

The awards are based on a twelve-month diary of participation (normally from the end of the Australian Championships in the previous year to the end of the Australian Championships in the award year) with each participation in an event receiving a point score

Juniors in Sydney clubs: 10 points per major event and 5 points for all other events

Juniors in regional clubs: 10 points for each event as access to a wide range of events is limited

4.3 Determination of awards

Electronic diaries are confirmed by a parent or guardian and submitted to the Junior Participation Awards Officer who determines the awards and ensures their presentation to recipients.

The awards are determined under the oversight of the ONSW President.

5 Course Setter of the Year

5.1 Description of award

The annual Course Setter of the Year Award (also known as the Graeme Mitchell Trophy) is awarded to the person who sets the best course at a significant event organised by ONSW or its clubs in a calendar year.

5.2 Determination of the award

The Technical Director identifies the events which will be considered at the beginning of the calendar year for this award.

A survey system is used to collect feedback from competitors on the identified courses.

The Technical Director uses the feedback received to determine the recipient of the award.

6 NSW Orienteer of the Year (OY) Awards

6.1 Description of awards

Orienteer of the Year Awards are presented annually as 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each OY age class. Course standards and calculation of the point score on which the awards are based are detailed ORGANISERS' RULES - FOOT ORIENTEERING EVENTS ONSW Manual 4.4.

6.2 Determination of the award

The ONSW Statistician is responsible for calculation of the cumulative scores, under the oversight of the Technical Director.

7 NSW Championship Awards

7.1 Description of awards

Long Distance, Middle Distance and Sprint Championship awards are presented to 1st (and normally 2nd and 3rd) placegetters in each age class for the designated annual championship event.

7.2 Determination of awards

The Event Organisers are responsible for all aspects of these awards as set out in ORGANISERS' RULES - FOOT ORIENTEERING EVENTS ONSW Manual 4.4 under the oversight of the Technical Director.

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