

Definition

Associated Groups are groups of people from schools, scouts/guides, or other organised groups in the community. They are interested in orienteering but their interest or capabilities may not extend to becoming a fully affiliated club. Such Groups may also be restricted by their group's policy regarding sporting activities and financial independence. These groups are not identified in the ONSW Constitution.

Associated Groups are recognised as a form of support to orienteering development. They provide a opportunity for some orienteering experience and can be a stepping stone to club membership.

Conditions of Registration

Associated Groups shall not be required to meet basic requirements of Affiliated Clubs as set out in ONSW Manual Section 3.2.

The following will apply to Associated Groups:

- 1 An Associated Group shall be required to pay an annual registration fee.
- 2 An Associated Group must undertake to abide by ONSW Manual Section 3.2.
- 3 An Associated Group must nominate an adult as the Group's Manager. The manager will be responsible for:
 - a. communicating orienteering training and competing opportunities to group members
 - b. entering group member details on Eventor
 - c. registering group members for competition entry
 - d. ensuring payment of fees.

Benefits of Registration

- 1 An Associated Group may request assistance from ONSW in various ways, e.g. instruction, loan of equipment.
- 2 An Associated Group will be introduced to an appropriate NSW orienteering club for mutual benefit.
- 3 An Associated Group shall receive the ONSW Members E-Bulletin sent to one designated email address.
- 4 An Associated Group shall receive one hard copy of *The Australian Orienteer* sent to its designated postal address.
- 5 An Associated Group may enter relay teams and compete for awards under the Group name in any ONSW-controlled relay or team competition, paying the normal member-discounted entry fee per competitor.
- 6 An Associated Group may enter individuals to compete under the Group name in any ONSW-controlled event, paying the normal member-discounted entry fee per competitor.

- 7 No restriction will be placed on individual members of an Associated Group also being members of an Affiliated Club.

Limitations for Associated Group Members

As the role of Associated Groups is to further orienteering development, there are some limits to participation as an Associated Group member compared with Affiliated Club membership.

Members of Associated Groups shall not be eligible to compete as an Associate Group Member in

- NSW or Australian Training Squads
- NSW or Australian Teams (except NSW Schools teams)
- NSW Championship events
- NSW Orienteer of the Year point scores (they may, however, compete in the OY qualifying events).

Associated Group Members interested in such participation shall be encouraged to join an Affiliated club.

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