

ANNUAL AWARDS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. 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

- 2.1. This policy **applies** to:

- a) Annual ONSW Awards;
- b) Annual ONSW Junior Participation Awards;
- c) ONSW Course Setter of the Year;
- d) NSW Orienteer of the Year (OY) Awards;
- e) NSW Championships Awards;
- f) NSW Schools Championships Awards;
- g) ONSW 50 Years of Orienteering Awards;
- h) ONSW Hall of Fame;
- i) NSW Interclub Challenge; and
- j) Bennelong Trophy (NSW/ACT).

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

3. ANNUAL ONSW AWARDS

3.1 **Eligibility**

- 3.1.1 Nominees must be current members of ONSW and one of its associated clubs.
- 3.1.2 Nominees will normally be recognised for their volunteer (unpaid) contribution/s to the sport of orienteering.

3.2 **Description of awards**

- 3.2.1 **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.
- 3.2.2 **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 award will be a perpetual trophy and certificate.
- 3.2.3 **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 and certificate.
- 3.2.4 **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.

- 3.2.5 **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.
- 3.2.6 **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.

3.3 Nomination and selection

- 3.3.1 ONSW Board members, clubs and members may propose nominees for consideration for these awards by providing the candidate's name, club and an award nomination to the ONSW Secretary (or Board representative) by the deadline published annually.
- 3.3.2 If there are no candidates deemed suitable for a specific award in a particular year, no award need be made.
- 3.3.3 The award recipients are confirmed at a suitable meeting of the ONSW Board.

4. ANNUAL ONSW JUNIOR PARTICIPATION AWARDS

4.1. Eligibility

- 4.1.1. Junior orienteers aged 15 or under at 31 December in the year the diary is submitted.
- 4.1.2. An older junior orienteer with personal circumstances which would make the award still relevant may also be deemed eligible.

4.2. Description of awards

- 4.2.1. The NSW Junior Participation Awards are awarded annually at three levels for regular participation in orienteering events:
- a) *Waratah Award* (100 points) – small trophy and certificate;
 - b) *Banksia Award* (75 points) – certificate;
 - c) *Wattle Award* (50 points) – certificate.
- 4.2.2. There is no limit to the number of awards.

4.3. Participation in this award scheme

- 4.3.1. 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. In acknowledgment that juniors who are members of remote clubs have fewer event opportunities, point values differ for some event categories. The differentiation is based on published ONSW Membership Fee Categories.
- a) *Standard Club Membership*: 10 points per major event and 5 points for all other events; or
 - b) *Remote Club Membership*: 10 points for each event

4.4. Determination of awards

- 4.4.1. Electronic diaries are confirmed by a parent or guardian and submitted to the Junior Participation Awards Coordinator who determines the awards and ensures their production and presentation to recipients.
- 4.4.2. The awards are determined under the oversight of the ONSW President.

5. ONSW COURSE SETTER OF THE YEAR (ALSO KNOWN AS THE GRAEME MITCHELL TROPHY)

5.1. Description of award

- 5.1.1. The annual Course Setter of the Year Award 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

- 5.2.1. The Technical Director identifies the events which will be considered at the beginning of the calendar year for this award.
- 5.2.2. A survey system is used to collect feedback from competitors on the identified courses.
- 5.2.3. 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

- 6.1.1. 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 set out in the ONSW Manual ORGANISERS' RULES - FOOT ORIENTEERING EVENTS ONSW Manual 4.4.

6.2. Determination of the award

- 6.2.1. 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

- 7.1.1. 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 the awards

- 7.2.1. 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.

8. NSW SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

8.1. Description of awards

- 8.1.1. The Champion School, Champion Primary School and Champion Region shall be awarded perpetual trophies.
- 8.1.2. Awards to individual winners and all finishers are arranged by the event organisers.

8.2. Determination of the awards

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

9. ONSW 50 YEARS OF ORIENTEERING AWARDS

9.1. Description of award

9.1.1. Certificate.

9.2. Determination of award

9.2.1. Awards will be recommended to the ONSW Board based on:

- a) evidence of reasonably consistent involvement in orienteering for at least 50 years (at any level as a competitor and/or official and/or organiser and/or mapper and/or course setter);
- b) current ONSW membership; and
- c) substantially resident in NSW over the period.

10. ONSW HALL OF FAME

10.1. Description of Award

10.1.1. To be advised.

10.2. Determination of award

10.2.1. The ONSW Board will annually call for nominations and appoint a Selection Panel to consider them as set out in the ONSW Manual 1.8.

11. NSW INTERCLUB CHALLENGE

11.1. Description of Award

11.1.1. A perpetual trophy and certificate.

11.2. Determination of award

11.2.1. The trophy is awarded to the club with the highest point total at the end of the year, based on club achievements in the first five placings in each class for all State League events.

12. BENNELONG TROPHY (NSW/ACT)

12.1. Description of Award

12.1.1. A jointly managed perpetual trophy annually awarded to either ONSW or OACT.

12.2. Determination of award

12.2.1. A point score formula based on winners in all classes of the NSW Long Championships and the ACT Long Championships, agreed by the two associations, is applied. Representatives of both associations complete the calculations to ensure agreement.

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Reason for update:

Junior Participation Diary points for remote club members increased for some event categories; Addition of Interclub Competition and Bennelong Trophy to Manual 1.6