

ADVICE OF ONSW MANUAL UPDATE

Manual No. and Section Title : 4.4 Organisers Rules – Foot Orienteering Events
Approved by ONSW Board : 23 April 2024
Effective date of new policy : 24 April 2024
Extent of Manual Update : Changes to paragraphs/tables C.2.c., d., and e. C MAJOR ONSW EVENTS; 2. State League (Orienteer of the Year) events c. TABLE - Course length – Recommended winning times for State League events (in minutes) d. TABLES - Grouping of courses/classes – OY Classes of Hard Courses; Other OY Courses; Non-OY Classes e. Changes to groupings of courses/classes (previously Course splitting)
Reason for Update and Relevance: Middle Distance removes Hard 3a/3b option and creates Hard 6 with distance and class adjustments; adjust mandatory/optional “Other OY” and “Non-OY” classes in line with OA rules and class demand; fix typos in winning times table; advice regarding changing course/class groupings. Organisers, Controllers and Course Planners of ONSW State League events need to be aware of the introduced changes particularly for Middle Distance events. Please also note the advice at C. 2. e. regarding changes to groupings of courses/classes where needed. C. 2. c. TABLE - Course length – Recommended winning times for State League events (in minutes) Error in table heading showed times for Men; table is for both Men and Women. Error in Middle distance winning time for M/W20A corrected. C. 2. d. TABLE - Grouping of courses/classes – OY Classes of Hard Courses Addition of Hard 6 course for Middle distance events thereby eliminating frequent need for splitting of Hard 3 into 3a and 3b. Re-allocation of classes across Hard 3 to Hard 6 generally keep younger classes together and older classes together in order to accommodate length adjustments required by unusually rugged terrain, and to address situations where different map scales are required. Adjustment of “% of M21A distance” to better reflect latest OA “run rate” data. C. 2. d. TABLE - Grouping of courses/classes – Other OY Courses Removal of M Junior B and W Junior B classes from mandatory OY classes (Moderate course). C. 2. d. TABLE - Grouping of courses/classes – Non-OY Courses Addition of M Junior B and W Junior B as optional pre-entry classes. Change for Open Very Easy from mandatory to optional pre-entry class. C. 2. e. NEW - Changes to groupings of courses/classes; ABOLISHED - Course splitting Under OA rules target winning times take precedence over course/class/relativities recommendations. As such, course/class groupings may be changed to adapt to event specifics. Any deviations to be conveyed to potential entrants in event bulletin prior to close of entries.