

Orienteering Tasmania 2010 Membership Structures And Event Fees

2009 Membership Review

Up until 2009 Orienteering Tasmania ran a system of either requiring participants at orienteering events to be 'members' or requiring them to pay a higher entry fee. This is consistent with what all the other State/Territory organisations do.

During 2008 two issues drove OT to review and modify the membership/entry fee system:

- The Tasmanian Government [through Sport and Recreation] changed their eligibility requirements for the 'States Grant Program'. In order to receive \$10 000 or more the sporting organisation would need to have over 500 members
- OT was concerned about the limited information we held on non-member participants; from a safety, and particularly from a marketing point of view.

OT decided to introduce a new classification for membership, defined as 'casual member'. A casual member would pay a certain membership fee and this would entitle them to a two month casual membership. Casual members are required to complete a membership form and this provided OT with contact information.

The new membership category has been successful in a number of ways.

- We have much more comprehensive information about all orienteering participants and we are now marketing directly to a larger number of participants.
- We have met the State Government's requirement to have over 500 members
- We have increased full time membership by over 25%

However there have been a number of administrative and marketing issues with the two month casual membership fee structure. To address this, OT has decided to make some changes to the casual membership process in keeping with the requirements of compulsory membership for all attendees at orienteering events in Tasmania.

In addition, OT is reviewing the nature of personal data required for each membership category and is working to develop an online member registration and online event entry system.

2010 Membership Structure

Full Membership

Senior (21 and over)	\$40
Junior/Concession	\$20
Family	\$100

From June 30 to September 30, Full Member Registration will be less 50% of full fee and, from October 1, Full Member Registration will be valid until end 2011.

Benefits: Discount entry fees, the Orienteering Tasmania E-Bulletin, the Orienteering Tasmania newsletter (O Know), the national magazine (The Australian Orienteer), access to additional services offered by OT affiliated clubs, the right to represent Tasmania in state teams, the right to represent Australia in national teams, and the right to be officially recognised in "championship" classes in all Tasmanian Championships.

Casual Membership

Features: Compulsory registration with limited personal information required upon attendance at first orienteering event in the calendar year. Membership valid for all of calendar year. Event fee paid at first event in a calendar year is the Casual Member Registration fee for that year.

Benefits: Entry to all events conducted by Orienteering Tasmania and affiliated clubs, the Orienteering Tasmania E-Bulletin, access to coaching instruction, the right to convert to full membership at any stage.

Volunteer Membership

Any person who is not otherwise a full or casual member of OT and who wishes to provide voluntary services for OT must become a volunteer member of OT before providing such services. A person who wishes to be recognised as a volunteer member may apply for such recognition in writing.

Features: Membership valid for calendar year, no membership fees or charges and does not confer any voting rights. If wish to compete in any events must convert to Casual or Full Member status.

2010 Event Fees

Entry fees have been set for 2010 to take into account the higher levy OT has to pay to Orienteering Australia for certain events. Most events on the OT calendar attract a levy of 20c per entry, however, Badge events, Sprint Distance Championships and Middle Distance championships have a levy of \$2.30 and the Long Distance Championships levy is \$3.30.

The 2010 event fees are set out below.

	Adult *	Adult Full Member	Junior**/ Concession***	Junior/ Concession Full Member	Family**** Full Member
Schools	\$10	\$6	\$5	\$4	
Corporate Challenge	\$10	\$6	\$5	\$4	
Local	\$10	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$16
Tasmanian Orienteering Series	\$13	\$8	\$8	\$6	\$20
Sprint & Middle Distance Championships & Badge Events	\$15	\$10	\$10	\$8	\$28
Long Distance Championships	\$16	\$11	\$11	\$9	\$30

Adult* 21 years and over at 31 December next

Junior Under 21 years at 31 December next**

Concession* Holder of Pension Card or Centrelink Health Care Card, full-time student over 21 years.**

Family ** Any number of adult or junior members who are part of a family .**

NOTE: Children under 10 completing a course as a member of a group in the company of adults or older children participate free of charge.

All participants must be either Casual or Full Members.

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