



# ORIENTEERING TASMANIA

## POLICIES AND GUIDELINES



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AGE CLASSES

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### AGE CLASSES:

All ages are taken as at 31 December in the current calendar year. Women (W) may compete in men's (M) classes.

- Competitors aged **20 or younger** belong to each class *up to the end* of the calendar year in which they reach the given age. They are entitled to compete in *older* classes up to and including 21.
- Junior classes are

M10 / W10

M12 / W12

M14 / W14

M16 / W16

M17-20 / W17-20

Eg Boy who turns 20 this year competes in M17-20  
Girl who turns 17 this year competes in W17-20  
Boy who turns 16 this year competes in M16  
Girl who turns 15 this year competes in W16

- Competitors aged **21 or older** belong to each class *from the beginning* of the calendar year in which they reach the given age. They are entitled to compete in *younger* classes down to and including 21. The classes W35- and M35-, W40- and M40- and so on with intervals of 5 years are used. So, for ages 21 and above, each age class refers to ages from the age stated to the next *older* age class, i.e. M21- refers to ages from 21 to 34 inclusive, M35- from 35 to 39 inclusive, etc.  
*Example:* Woman 64 who turns 65 this year runs W65-.

### TASMANIAN EVENTS:

**TOS** (Tasmanian Orienteering Series): the participant chooses which course – there is no obligation to compete in your age class.

**State League** Series and Championship events (or to compete in the national Badge scheme):

Compete in your own (or a higher-standard) age class to be an official entrant (or enter as 'unofficial').

### STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

A competitor may compete at a higher standard, e.g. someone eligible for M-16 may "run up" in M-18, or someone eligible for W55- may "run down" in W35-.

At some large events you may select from events at the A level, A Short level (AS) or B.

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**AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Australian Schools Championships are divided into Junior Girls/Junior Boys and Senior Girls/Senior Boys.

Junior = Girls 15 and under; Boys 15 and under;

Senior = Girls 19 and under; Boys 19 and under. (*Orienteering Australia Operational Manual 8.5*)

See also: Orienteering Australia Competition Rules Appendix 1.