

AWARDS RULES AND GUIDELINES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document describes the awards that Orienteering Tasmania presents each year and provides rules and guidelines for the calculation and granting of these awards. Awards are given for both orienteering performance (OST Points Series, Championship events, Excellence Award, Vice-Presidents' Award, Schools Championships) and volunteer contributions (Service Awards, President's Award, Coach of the Year). See Appendix 1 - OT Awards Summary for a list of all awards.

The performance awards are based on the Orienteering Series Tasmania (OST) and Championship events. OST is a state-wide series of about 10 events normally held on a Sunday throughout the year and in areas that provide a more interesting navigational challenge. Eight courses are offered at each event. Competitors enter in any course they wish. Championships are held in Sprint, Middle and Long formats and age-based classes are used for entry

The performance awards (with the exception of the Vice-Presidents' Award) are managed by the OT Awards Coordinator. The volunteer contribution awards are decided by the OT Board and managed by Vice-President A. See Appendix 2 for a description of responsibilities. The OST Series and Excellence points are calculated by the OT Statistician.

A list of past winners of the awards is provided in the document 'State Awards and State Champs Results'.

2.0 ORIENTEERING SERIES TASMANIA POINTS COMPETITION

2.1 Description

OST points are calculated after each OST event, and accumulated over all OST events in a year.

For each hard and the long moderate navigation course there will be an overall male and female outright winner (in practice Course 1 would most likely only have an overall male winner) and an Age-Gender-Adjusted (AGA) winner. The AGA winner is determined using the kilometre rate weighting used to calculate Excellence Points.

Gendered outright results are published in Eventor, and the AGA results are calculated following each event and published in Eventor. Each course therefore has three sets of results associated with it: Male Outright, Female Outright and AGA.

Courses 7 and 8 do not count towards any series points, in line with Sport Australia recommendations that sport for up to 13 year-olds should be non-competitive.

2.2 Rules

- Only financial full members of OT clubs are eligible to score points in series competitions
- Only courses 1 to 6 (hard or long moderate navigation) shall be awarded points
- Points gained on different courses cannot be aggregated
- No points are awarded to competitors who run as a group, mispunch or retire
- Competitors who retire hurt can be counted as did not attend, rather than score no points

2.3 Calculation

Outright points

- Place points: Five points are awarded to the first finisher in each class, four to the second, and so on down to one point for the fifth and all subsequent finishers.
- Time points: Five points are awarded if finishing within 5% of the winner's time, 4 points if within 10%, 3 points if within 15% , 2 points within 20% and one point for longer times.
- Place and Time points are added to obtain total points for each competitor
- Final points take the best X out of Y OST performances (where Y is the number of OST events that year and X is decided by the OT Statistician e.g. best 8 out of 10)

AGA points

- AGA OST points for each course are based on ranked Age-Gender Adjusted Kilometre Rate of all contestants in that course
- 10 down to 1 points are awarded in each course (Note the total point scores will not be comparable between courses, because people in courses with less competitors will be more likely to get points)
- Final points take the best X out of Y OST performances (where Y is the number of OST events that year and X is decided by the OT Statistician e.g. best 8 out of 10)

2.4 Organiser and representative team credits

Organisers will receive credit OST points if they could not formally compete because of knowledge of the course or having duties for the duration of the event. For OST points, this credit will be awarded in the course most often contested by the individual and is based on the average of the points scored in the events they contested in that course.

Credits will be awarded for each instance of organising but may not exceed their number of runs in that course. Credits are treated the same as normal scores when determining the best-of result. Credits are also given to competitors for events missed due to competing in Tasmanian or Australian representative teams.

2.5 Awards

- Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings are awarded in each course for outright male and female place-getters, as well as AGA place-getters
- To be awarded a place for a course, competitors must have competed in that course for at least one-third of the events
- The awards are presented at the Annual OT Awards dinner which is normally held on the evening after the Long Distance Championships. Special circumstances (such as major championships) may mean a more suitable date is selected.

2.6 Orienteer of the Year

The Orienteers of the Year are the male and female with the highest outright OST points on Course 1 and Course 2 respectively, but subject to having competed in that course in a minimum of Z events. Z is decided by the OT Statistician, typically at least half the events.

3.0 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

3.1 Description

An annual Championship event is conducted in each of the three orienteering disciplines – Sprint, Middle and Long. These are not part of the OST series but do accrue Excellence Points.

3.2 Rules

To be eligible for an award competitors must :

- run an age class that is permitted for their age
- be a financial member of an orienteering club

3.3 Awards

- Certificates and medals are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings in all classes
- Medals may be recycled (i.e given back after the presentation to be used again)
- For the Sprint and Middle Championships the awards are presented at the events if possible. For the Long Championships the awards are presented at the Annual OT Awards dinner, if dinner held at a suitable time. Non-Tasmanians may receive certificates and medals.
- A perpetual trophy for M21 and W21 class winners (if a member of a Tasmanian club, otherwise the highest placed Tasmanian club member finisher) in each of the disciplines will be presented at the Annual OT Awards dinner.

4.0 EXCELLENCE POINTS

4.1 Description

Excellence points are calculated at all OST and Championship events. Points are calculated using km rates and a handicap system based on ‘age and gender factors’, which have been empirically determined.

4.2 Rules

- Competitors must be financial members of OT at the time of an event in order to qualify for points
- Allocated for hard navigation courses only, so does not apply to juniors 14 and below unless they run up
- For all events the age class used is the true age-based class for the individual competitor and not the age class of the course entered. For example, a 61-year old runner entering a M21 class will have the M60 age factor applied, not the M21 factor.
- No points are awarded to competitors who run as a group, mispunch or retire
- Competitors who retire hurt can be counted as did not attend, rather than score no points

4.3 Calculation

Points are calculated using a ‘handicap’ system, which calculates adjusted ‘minutes per km’ rates based on age and gender. The 25 fastest adjusted km rates for an entire event will be awarded points, with the fastest getting 25 points and the 25th fastest 1 point. Calculation of adjusted km rate is based on the following formula:

Adjusted km rate = Course time taken / Course distance (without climb) * ‘age factor’.

The latest revision of ‘age factors’ was done at the beginning of the 2000 season. They are:

Age Class	Factor	Age Class	Factor
W16	.65	M16	.85
W18	.70	M18	.90
W20	.75	M20	.95
W21	.81	M21	1.00
W35	.77	M35	.98
W40	.73	M40	.94
W45	.68	M45	.89
W50	.63	M50	.83
W55	.58	M55	.77
W60	.53	M60	.70
W65	.48	M65	.63
W70	.43	M70	.56
W75	.38	M75	.49
W80+	.33	M80+	.42

The points for each individual orienteer are calculated on their best X out Y events in the OST series plus Championship events, where Y is the total number of such events in that year, and where X is decided by the OT Statistician (e.g. best 10 out of 14).

4.4 Organiser and representative team credits

Organiser and representative team credits are calculated as in 2.4 above, but disregarding course.

4.5 Awards

4.5.1 John Brammall Trophy for Individual Excellence

- The individual orienteer scoring the most points for the year, is awarded the John Brammall Trophy for Individual Excellence
- As well as their name being engraved on the perpetual trophy, the winner should receive a small trophy to keep
- The award is presented at the Annual OT Awards dinner
- It is also recommended that the next four highest point scorers are recognised at the Awards dinner and receive a small prize

4.5.2 HAVOC Interclub Trophy

The Inter-Club Competition is decided from a subset of points from the full list of individual excellence points scored at each event. From the list of individual excellence points awarded at each event, the fastest 6 from each club will have their points aggregated to determine club points for that event, and those points are totaled for all events where excellence points are scored through the year.

The Club with most points is the winner for the year of the Interclub Competition, and is awarded the HAVOC trophy at the Annual OT Awards dinner.

5.0 SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 Description

The Tasmanian School Championships is a selection event for the Tasmanian Schools Team.

5.2 Rules

The following championship classes are available for both boys and girls: OpenA, 16A, 15A, 14A, 13A, 12A, 10A. There are also non-championship classes for boys and girls: Senior B, Junior B, Primary B. Only competitors who run the A classes are eligible for selection in the Tasmanian Schools Team.

5.3 Calculation

There are three School trophies to be awarded: Primary, Girls High, and Boys High. Points towards these trophies are awarded in both A and B classes. Points towards the School trophies are awarded as follows:

A courses:

1st -12, 2nd - 10, 3rd - 8

B Courses

1st - 6, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 2

All others 1 point each.

5.4 Awards

Medals will be awarded in each Championship category, and there are three perpetual School trophies to be awarded. Awards should take place straight after the event.

6.0 BADGE EVENTS

The three Championships events are designated as Badge events. Badge points are calculated by the Orienteering Australia Badge Secretary, who will inform club secretaries of Badge winners. Badges cost \$5 each. It is up to clubs to decide how they will handle Badges.

Gold, Silver and Bronze cloth badges may be earned for consistent performance within each age group. To earn a badge, you must qualify at the required standard at three recognised State or National events within two years.

The standard for each level of badge is determined according to the times of the place-getters in each A-class. If there are 12 or more competitors, the first 3 times are averaged to derive a base-time. For 6 to 11 starters, the first two times are averaged, and for 5 or fewer starters, the winner's time is the base-time.

For A (and Elite) classes the cut-off times to qualify are as follows:

- gold credit base-time x 1.25
- silver base-time x 1.5
- bronze base-time x 2.0

When B and C class courses are offered at a Badge Event, for B-classes only silver or bronze credits may be earned, and for C-classes only bronze. The cut-off times are related to the A-class by the formula:

A-class cut-off x B (or C)-class course length/A-class course length

7.0 COACH OF THE YEAR

Coach of the Year is an award selected each year by the Director, Performance. As well as their name being engraved on the perpetual trophy, the winner should receive a small trophy to keep. This award is presented at the Annual OT Awards dinner.

8.0 VICE-PRESIDENTS' AWARD

8.1 Description

This award is based on votes awarded at Orienteering Series Tasmania events based on outstanding, unexpected or unusual performance.

The purpose of this award is to balance the highly objective, statistical nature of our sport with some unpredictability – and have a bit of fun while rewarding a year's good performances. It is meant to be a bit like a "best and fairest" award in other sports.

8.2 Calculation

Votes are cast by the two OT Vice-Presidents for the best three performances on the day, rather than overall results. The votes are meant to be subjective, based on the voters' knowledge of the courses and the competitors. Voters should take into consideration such things as the

- difficulty of the course,
- age class of the competitor,
- quality of the opposition on the course,
- skill level and/or the length of time the person has been orienteering,
- or any quality which upholds the integrity of the sport of orienteering.

Any competitor on any course is eligible - 3 votes should be given to the all-round best run, 2 to the next and 1 to the third best run. It is useful when making the resulting presentation to have a note illustrating your reasons.

8.3 Award

The winner of this award is presented with the trophy at Annual OT Awards dinner. As well as their name being engraved on the perpetual trophy, the winner should receive a small trophy to keep.

9.0 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award was initiated in 1985 and is announced each year at the Annual Awards Dinner. The recipient is selected following a call for nominations by the President. Nominations may only be made by a member of Orienteering Tasmania.

Nominees are considered by the President and two Vice Presidents, none of whom are eligible for nomination.

The award recognises a significant contribution to Tasmanian orienteering through outstanding performance (achievement) and/or through contribution to the organisation of our sport. In other

words the recipient could be selected for their performance in events or as an event organiser, a club administrator, or in any other role supporting or promoting orienteering.

As well as their name being engraved on the perpetual trophy, the winner should receive a small trophy to keep.

10.0 ORIENTEERING TASMANIA SERVICE AWARDS

Service Awards are for members whose service over an extended period warrants special recognition. This category includes those members who have, over a number of years made a special contribution to the administration, development and promotion of orienteering in Tasmania. Awards will be individual, and should it be appropriate to recognise a couple, two awards could be given simultaneously.

Criteria considered in making a Service Award include:

- Length of service
- Participation in administration of orienteering in Tasmania at club or state level.
- Involvement in running major national and international events
- Involvement in running state and local events
- Participation in activities
- Special contribution in one or more aspects of orienteering

10.1 Service medallions for outstanding service over an extended period of time

Recipients of a Service Award will usually be actively involved in orienteering at the time of the award.

Wording on the plaque may read:

*Awarded to _____
in Recognition of Outstanding Service
to the Sport of Orienteering in Tasmania
20__*

10.2 Service medallions for an outstanding achievement in the running of an event or special project

This award will typically be awarded to the overall organiser of a national or international carnival or to an individual who undertakes a special project of significance over time. Awards will be individual, and should it be appropriate to recognise more than one individual, two or more awards could be given simultaneously. This award could be made to the same person on different occasions for different achievements.

Wording on the plaque may read:

*Awarded to _____
in Recognition of _____
20__*

10.3 Service medallions for sponsors and government agencies including local government

This category is for sponsors and government bodies that have made a significant contribution towards orienteering in Tasmania, including public landowners/managers. This award may not be made every year but several awards could be made at or after a special event. This award will generally be made to an organisation.

Wording on the plaque may read:

*Awarded to _____
in Recognition of _____
20__*

10.4 Service medallions for private landowners who have supported orienteering in Tasmania

Presentations may be made to private landowners whose land is used for any state championships or national events from 2002 onwards.

Presentations may also be made to private landowners whose land is regularly used on an ongoing basis for state or local club events.

Wording on the plaque may read:

Awarded to _____
in Recognition of their Generosity
in Allowing Access to their Property -----
for Orienteering Events

11.0 MEMBERSHIP OFFICER’S AWARD FOR MOST RUNS EACH YEAR

This award is presented at the end of the calendar year to the orienteers in each region who participated in the most number of events.

Appendix 1 Orienteering Tasmania Awards Summary

<i>Award</i>	<i>Authority</i>	<i>what</i>	<i>when</i>
President’s Award	Determined by President after calling for nominations from members	Perpetual Trophy + Individual trophy	Awards dinner
Vice Presidents’ Award	Highest voted points by using 2 sets of 3, 2, 1 votes from both Vice-Presidents	Perpetual Trophy + Individual trophy	Awards dinner
Coach of the Year	Determined by Director of Performance	Perpetual Trophy + Individual trophy	Awards dinner
Membership Officer’s Award for Most Runs (North and South)	Determined by Membership Officer	Individual trophy	AGM
Tasmanian Orienteer of the Year – Women	Determined by OT Statistician from accumulated Course 2 outright OST points	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
Tasmanian Orienteer of the Year – Men	Determined by OT Statistician from accumulated Course 1 outright OST points	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
The HAVOC Interclub Trophy	Determined by OT Statistician from cumulative excellence points	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
The John Brammall Perpetual Trophy for Individual Excellence in Orienteering	Determined by OT Statistician from cumulative excellence points. Valerie Brammall to present to the winner.	Perpetual Trophy + Individual trophy Plus awards to next best four competitors	Awards dinner
Service Medallion for Outstanding Service	OT Board	Individual trophy	Awards dinner
Service Medallion for Special Event or Project	OT Board	Individual trophy	Awards dinner
Tasmanian Long Distance Orienteering Championship - Men	Results published on OT website	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
Tasmanian Long Distance Orienteering Championship - Women	Results published on OT website	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
Tasmanian Middle Distance Orienteering Championship - Men	Results published on OT website	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner

<i>Award</i>	<i>Authority</i>	<i>what</i>	<i>when</i>
Tasmanian Middle Distance Orienteering Championship Women	Results published on OT website	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
Tasmanian Sprint Distance Orienteering Championship – Men	Results published on OT website	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
Tasmanian Sprint Distance Orienteering Championship -Women	Results published on OT website	Perpetual Trophy	Awards dinner
Age-class place-getters at Tasmanian Championship events	Results published on OT website	Medal and certificates for 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd in each class	Middle, Sprint – at the event if possible. Long – at awards dinner, if dinner held at suitable time
Overall OST Series place-getters	Determined by OT Statistician from accumulated OST points	Certificates – 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Outright male, outright female and AGA in each course	Awards dinner
School championships – age-class place-getters	Results published on OT website	Medals – 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd in each class	At the event
School championships – School Trophies	Calculated by organisers	Perpetual Trophies	At the event

Appendix 2 Awards Management

Awards Coordinator

The Awards Coordinator manages Orienteering Tasmania's awards given for orienteering performance at OST events, Championship events and Schools Championships. The Coordinator answers to the Performance Director.

Responsibilities are:

- Maintain the stock of OT medals
- For each Championship event, organise certificates and ensure medals and certificates are presented
- For the Schools Championships, keep track of the Perpetual trophies, and ensure medals and trophies are presented
- Organise prizes for the top 5 Excellence point competitors
- Organise certificates for overall OST place-getters

Vice-President A

Vice-President A manages the Perpetual Trophies and the volunteer contribution awards.

Responsibilities are:

- Keep track of all Perpetual trophies, ensure they are updated with plaques each year, and are brought to the Awards Dinner
- Manage the Vice-Presidents' Award
- Organise the trophies for the Service Awards
- Organise the four individual keeper trophies (President's Award, Vice-Presidents' Award, Coach of the Year, John Brammall Award)