

AUS-NZL CHALLENGE Rules

Revised rules, as agreed between Orienteering Australia and NZOF, 10 September 2008

Introduction

1 At each Oceania Championships (or as agreed between the two nations) Australia and New Zealand will compete in a two-nation orienteering competition, known as The Australia-New Zealand Challenge (AUS-NZL Challenge).

2 The Challenge will consist of an Individual Challenge, based on the Oceania Long Distance Championships, and a Relay Challenge, based on the Oceania Relay Championships.

Challenge Teams

3. The Challenge shall be conducted in M21 and W21 and any of the following age classes W-16, W-18, W-20, W21, W35, W40, W45, W50, W55, W60, W65, W70, M-16, M-18, M-20, M21, M35, M40, M45, M50, M55, M60, M65, M70. The visiting nation shall determine the actual classes to be contested in the Challenge, with the minimum number nominated being men's and women's 21, -16, -20, 40, 50 and 60.

4 Each nation's team will consist of three competitors only in each Challenge age class. Team members must be full passport-holding citizens of the nation they are representing. Each team member may be nominated for one age class only.

5 The visiting nation is to advise the host nation of the classes to be contested at least three months prior to the Challenge and the teams are to be notified by both nations to each other and to the Oceania Championships organiser at least one month prior to the Challenge. Late team changes are permitted until forty-eight hours before the first Challenge event provided that the opposing nation's manager and the Oceania Championships organiser, are notified. Subsequently however, team changes may only be made with agreement from the opposing nation's manager and this agreement is only to be given in exceptional circumstances such as an injury.

Individual Challenge

6 Where the Oceania Championships is being conducted in Australia or New Zealand, the Challenge competitors must start first in each Championships course and no non-Challenge competitors may start on any course until after the last Challenge competitor starts.

7 Where the Oceania Championships is being conducted in Australia or New Zealand, the actual starting order of Challenge competitors will be determined by ballot by the Oceania Championships organiser once the two teams have been named. The Challenge competitors shall start in alternating order (Australia or New Zealand) with the host nation first.

8 In each Challenge class, for each nation the times of the two fastest team members are added to give the team time. The nation with the lower team time is the winner of the class. The nation with the most class wins is the winner of the Individual Challenge.

Relay Challenge

9 For each Challenge class, the winning nation is the nation whose Challenge team is the faster. The nation with the most class wins is the winner of the Relay Challenge.

Results and Trophies

10 Where the Oceania Championships is being conducted in Australia or New Zealand, there should be a separate results display with Australian and New Zealand team members clearly distinguished for both the Individual and Relay Challenges

11 After each Challenge event the following major trophies will be presented, either at the event or at a suitable function that evening:

- Individual Challenge Challenge Cup
- Relay Challenge Brown Memorial Trophy

12 In the case of a tie, the relevant trophy will be appropriately inscribed but will remain in the possession of the defending nation.

Amendments

13 These conditions may be varied or waived from time to time by agreement between Orienteering Australia and the New Zealand Orienteering Federation.