

# ONZ Junior Camp Criteria



## Purpose

The main purposes of the junior camp are to provide:

1. A strong grounding in fundamental skills that will be valuable to them as they progress through to more technical challenges in orienteering.
2. A nationwide network of friendship amongst junior orienteers, which encourages them to participate more widely in events outside of their region (e.g. ONZ Nationals, QB weekend, Labour Weekend, Southern O-weeks, Waitangi Sprints etc).

## Outcomes

The outcomes from attending the camp are:

1. Improved individual technical competence in foundation and advanced skills that allow participants to progress confidently to new orienteering challenges.
2. Increased participation in the sport, with junior camp attendees more likely to attend events outside their region.

These combine to provide a greater depth of talent, driving increased competition for selection teams carrying through to high-performance level.

## Participants

The target cohorts for achieving these are:

- Age groups M/W14A, M/W16
- Those committed to club orienteering in their region, and already showing activity in attending out-of-region events.

We noticed that junior camp is especially important for people from regions which have limited coaching available locally or fewer quality maps.

## What will help achieve this?

1. Keeping numbers small. Any increase above 80 makes it hard to avoid following and build cohesion. A group of 60-70 may be better.
2. Ensure coach: attendee ratio is as small as possible. A ratio of 1:6 seems to be current.

## Fit to strategy

As described, the camp will increase both skills and participation.

## Measures of success

1. Juniors attending national events will be enriched for Junior Camp attendees when compared to local events.
2. Attendees gain skills which facilitate them running confidently and more consistently on more technically demanding courses.
3. A strong level of competition for selection teams.