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NZOF POLICIES ON THE NZOF WEBSITE

The Miscellaneous NZOF Policies & By-Laws document has been updated and the latest edition is now on the NZOF website (www.nzorienteeing.com). At the same time the NZOF Policy on Fundraising Events (2010) has been added, as has the NZOF Volunteer Policy, adopted by the NZOF Council at its meeting on 25 August.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Also advertised on the NZOF website are vacancies for A-NZ Schools Challenge (Jan 2013) managers, A-NZ Challenge (Jan 2013) manager, JWOC 2013 manager & coach, WOC 2013 manager. Job descriptions are available on request as are also reports of previous team managers.

NATIONAL JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP: REMINDER

Information and on-line registration for the camp at Muriwai, 16-21 December is now available. The document is on the NZOF website or ask your club secretary. Camp hosts, Counties Manukau also advise that they will be holding a sprint event in the early afternoon of 16 December, prior to the start of the Junior Camp. There will be enough time at the end of this event to get to Muriwai for the required start time of the camp.

The event will be at Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens, approximately 15 minutes from the airport. More details about this event will be provided by Counties Manukau OC.

RESULTS FROM WOC MTBO

Marquita Gelderman (NW) achieved a top 20 placing in the final event at the World MTB-Orienteering Championships in Hungary, 20-25 August. Results:

Women – Long (A-final, field of 58): Marquita Gelderman (18), Christine Browne (52).

Earlier results from the Sprint & Middle were in the August issue of NZOF News.

NZOF SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL TEAMS

The NZOF congratulates all national representatives who competed in Europe this year on their commitment. For NZ athletes to compete at WUOC, JWOC and WOC requires considerable financial expense on their part. For its part, the NZOF supports NZ teams competing at world and junior world championships, paying entry and accreditation fees as well as supporting travel for managers and coaches. This northern summer this has included NZOF funding for the NZ WOC, NZ JWOC, NZ WUOC (manager's only) and NZ WOC MTBO teams. Closer to home similar support applies to the NZ Secondary Schools and Pinestars teams travelling to Australia.

GOLD MEDAL: WMOC MTBO

The World Masters Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships were also held in Hungary in conjunction with the World MTB-Orienteering Championships. Here, **congratulations** go to World Champs team manager, **Rob Garden** (NW), who achieved one gold and two silvers. Results in M60 for Rob were:

Middle (field of 33) 1st, Sprint (field of 30) 2nd, Long (field of 32) 2nd.

And two teams of 'New Zealand Masters' competed in the WMOC relays. The W40 combination of Marquita Gelderman (NW), Vivienne Prince (PP) & Christine Browne (BP) won silver (albeit in a field of only three teams); and an M50 team of Rob Garden, Michael Wood (HV) & Dave Armstrong (PP) were 6th in a field of nine.

NZ PINESTARS TEAM ANNOUNCED

The NZ Pinestars to contest the Australia-New Zealand elite test against the Australian Bushrangers at the Australian Championships, 28-29 September is: **Women:** Lizzie Ingham (WN), Holly Edmonds (HB) – Sprint, Rachel Goodwin (HB) – Long, Tessa Ramsden (RK).

Men: Shamus Morrison (WN), Liam Paterson (TK), Tim Robertson (HV).

SILVA SUPER SERIES 2013

The 2013 series will begin in January next year and run through until Queen's Birthday (QB), 1-3 June. Race dates include Round 1 at Sprint the Bay (15 & 17 January), Round 3 at NZ Championships (Easter), Round 5 at Auckland (3-4 May) and Round 6 at Counties Manukau 3-Day (QB). Rounds 2 (March) and 4 (April) are still to be confirmed. The junior series will be of five rounds, omitting round 5 of the senior series in May. In the meantime, the NZOF thanks Ampro Sales Ltd (distributor of Silva products in NZ) for its ongoing support of the Super Series.

WHAT'S HOT IN NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW)

The September issue of *The Australian Orienteer* reports an upsurge of membership in NSW. What appears to be working are:

- Event fee structures that encourage club membership;
- Increased number of events;
- Local events which are easy for newcomers to participate in;
- Highly visible club presence;
- Increased training opportunities;
- Personal contact with newcomers.

The NZOF is commencing a comparative analysis, by club, of membership and event fee structures, to ascertain if there is best practice here in NZ that can be shared.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SURVEY RELEASED

Sport NZ advise that a major piece of research into sport and recreation in the lives of young New Zealanders, called the Young People's Survey, has been released. The initial findings can be downloaded from www.sportnz.org.nz/ygs. The full report (which can be downloaded from the menu RHS) reveals that one in five children surveyed had experienced orienteering.

MAPS-IN-SCHOOLS RATES UPDATED

At its meeting on 25 August, the NZOF Council reviewed the the mapping rates applying within the Maps in Schools scheme, from \$150 (fieldwork) and \$50 (cartography) per map, to **\$200** and **\$75** respectively.

PUBLICATION OF NEW ZEALAND ORIENTEERING DISCONTINUED

Also at its meeting on 25 August, the NZOF Council decided to discontinue publication of *New Zealand Orienteering*, either as a quarterly or annual (Yearbook). The increased use of digital communication has meant that most content has already been communicated by the time subscribers receive a printed publication. Digital communication is also almost costless compared with print communication. The NZOF Council was therefore of the view that money applied to a print magazine could better be deployed in other arrears, such as website communication and technical resources.

The NZOF will look to communicate both news and more in-depth information through its website.

ONE-EVENT PARTICIPATION RATES CHANGED

And yet again from its meeting on 25 August, the NZOF Council revised the rates from \$9 per senior, \$5.50 junior, \$23 family, to **\$10**, **\$5** and **\$25** respectively.

To recap, these rates permit those not members of the NZOF (or IOF member organisations) to participate in A-grade events, albeit without entitlement to championship titles. (One-event participation rates, however, do not apply to schools championships, where all students are eligible to enter on an equal basis whether they are NZOF members or not.)

REVISED CLUB ABBREVIATIONS

With Hamilton OC and Rotorua OC having become Orienteering Waikato and Orienteering Bay of Plenty, respectively, the official two-character club abbreviations to be used for entries and results when full names are not used have been revised. At the same time, the abbreviation for Wairarapa has been changed from WA to WR to avoid confusion with Waikato (WK), and Taranaki's changed from TA to TK to avoid confusion with Taupo (TP).

The new list is: Auckland (AK), Bay of Plenty (BP), Counties Manukau (CM), Dunedin (DN), Hawkes Bay (HB), Hutt Valley (HV), Marlborough (MB), Nelson (NL), North West (NW), Peninsula and Plains (PP), Red Kiwi (RK), Southland (SD), Taranaki (TK), Taupo (TP), Waikato (WK), Wairarapa (WR), Wellington (WN).

WORLD ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

As with World Masters competitions, competitors are not selected by the NZOF to participate in the World Rogaining Championships (WRC). Nevertheless, there were some significant results among the contingent of NZOF members who competed in the 10th WRC in Czech Republic, 1-2 September. Tim Farrant (PP), and teammate JJ Wilson, were 15th open men. The PAPO pair of Kathrin Mueller and Val Rogers were 2nd women's supervet and 20th women overall. And also from PAPO, Vivienne Prince, with Australian teammate Richard Robinson, was 7th mixed veteran team. Close to 400 teams competed.

REMINDER: IOF FOOT-ORIENTEERING EVENT ADVISERS' CLINIC

New Zealand will host an IOF Foot Orienteering Event Advisers' Clinic next January in conjunction with the Oceania Orienteering Championships and World Cup Round 1. The clinic will take place in Masterton on Wednesday 9 January.

The purpose of the clinic is to educate and recruit new IOF licensed Foot Orienteering Event Advisers. A-grade controllers are invited to apply to attend, using the registration form that accompanies the invitation available on the NZOF website. Registration is required by 14 December 2012.