

ONZ Responses to 2016 AGM Remits

Remit 1: Athlete Contribution Fee - Wellington, North West and PAPO

ONZ acknowledges and thanks the above clubs for submitting the remit. In response to this, ONZ has thoroughly reviewed the existing Policy G6. While endorsing the intent and principle of the Policy, it does recognise that:

- The current wording of the policy could be interpreted differently and lead to uncertain messages being conveyed to athletes
- It is unclear as to what precisely is included (or excluded) and to whom it should apply. Here specifically, reference is made to training week preceding the main competition.
- There is a degree of certainty around team size and composition of the JWOC and Schools Teams, but there is a great deal of variability around these parameters and amount of individual athlete involvement relating to WOC which makes it difficult to apply an average athlete contribution fee. We acknowledge further investigation on the best method for WOC is required.
- Athlete contributions are based on historical trends and although the Policy is due to be reviewed every 2 years, there could be unforeseen circumstances which could affect costs in the intermediate year which should be allowed for.

Proposal

The intent of Policy G6 is far from clear. Council intended the prior knowledge of a contribution fee would help athletes to plan financially for their future event. It would also avoid shocks over costs after the event and also assist Council with the administrative processes associated with overseas competitions.

It is proposed the Council redraft Policy G6 to provide clarity on the intent and to address the above ambiguities and circulate this to clubs for their comments. Once feedback has been taken on board, the Policy is amended accordingly and approved by Council.

Remit 2: Grades for NZSS Orienteering Events - North West

A remit has been received from North West proposing changes to courses run by Seniors, Intermediates, Juniors and Year 7/8 at Championship, Standard and Novice levels.

Recommendation

At first glance the North West remit appears to be logical and worthy of consideration. However, it would seem more appropriate for any changes to the NZSS rules over grades, classes or courses to come from the ONZ Junior Development Committee. Council therefore recommends that:

- While thanking North West for their remit, this is passed with their approval to the Junior Development Committee for their action. It would then be the duty of this committee to fully evaluate the remit and produce their recommendations (including any changes) and circulate these to Clubs for their consideration inviting feedback. On incorporating feedback from Clubs, the final document should be submitted to Council for approval.
- Any recommendations for change should also reflect the views of the NZSSSC as they endorse these events and they are concerned over consistency of grades and classes across all sports.

There is also an outstanding business item raised by Hawkes Bay at the 2014 AGM requesting a review of the points' allocation covering NZSS Championship and Standard grades which was subsequently passed to the Junior Development Committee after progress on this was questioned at the 2015 AGM. It would be useful for the sake of completeness, if at some venture, the Junior Development Committee deliberate over this and make some additional recommendations.