

**Policy:** Competition Management  
**Title:** International Team Funding  
**Objective:** To provide clarity on athlete contribution towards event cost

## Policy Intent and Principles:

- Orienteering NZ is responsible for entering teams in IOF and other international events. Participation in such events generates a cost to both the athlete competing and also Orienteering NZ
- Orienteering NZ is responsible for payment of race entry fees as agreed by the 2007 AGM and extended to include accreditation fees by the Council in 2014 for the competitions as listed below:
  - World Orienteering Championships (WOC)
  - Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC)
  - World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships (WMTBO)
- Individual orienteers are responsible for a contribution towards the other costs associated with the events. The Athlete Contribution Fee should be considered as a contribution towards the entire team competition costs. Team competition costs include athlete accommodation and travel, Team Staff travel and accommodation, Team Staff accreditation costs, costs for access to training maps, etc., for the competition period and pre-competition training camps (WOC & JWOC). However, the Athlete Contribution Fee excludes airfares and other travel costs to/from New Zealand to the competition/training camp meeting point location.
- In order to provide athletes or their funders with advance notice of the likely scale of fees to be paid by participating athletes, Orienteering NZ has set a standard Athlete Contribution Fee for the competitions highlighted below. The fees shown are based on the average costs charged to competitors over the preceding five year period prior to the date of introduction of the policy. Given the relative certainty of the JWOC and Schools Team composition each year and the extent of their involvement within their respective competitions, the application of a fee based on average costs is appropriate.
- The application of a predetermined Athlete Contribution Fee to WOC competitors is more difficult as both the team size and individual involvement vary from year to year. For WOC competitions, athletes will be asked to pay a deposit towards their Athlete Contribution Fee when the team is announced as a statement of intent to participate. The balance of their Athlete Contribution Fee will be due no later than 3 months after the date of the final WOC event.

## Policy in Operation

Athlete Contribution for International Tours	\$NZ fee per athlete
World Orienteering Championships (WOC)	Initial pre-event deposit of \$500 + any additional actual costs post-event
Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC)	\$1,700
Southern Cross Challenge	\$1,500
ANZ Schools Challenge	\$1,500

**Effective Date:**

- If Orienteering NZ arranges for team travel to/from New Zealand, the cost of international airfares will be invoiced over and above the Athlete Contribution fee.
- The Athlete Contribution fee and payment deadline will be advised in the Team Selection Notice. Payment of the Athlete Contribution will be required prior to team departure except for WOC athletes who will be required to pay their initial deposit within two months of the announcement of the team. The final payment for WOC athletes, as advised by Orienteering NZ, shall be made within 3 months from the date of the final WOC event
- When Orienteering NZ is hosting any international event in New Zealand, the athlete contribution will be determined in relation to New Zealand costs and advised in the Team Selection Notice.
- Orienteering NZ agrees to underwrite any deficit incurred as a result of Athlete Contribution fees not covering the team competition costs.
- Until such time as athletes pay their Athlete Contribution Fee, Orienteering NZ will carry the financial liability for the above teams. This requires Orienteering NZ to hold sufficient reserves to cover this financial liability.
- The Athlete Contribution fee will be reviewed every 2 years in line with the budget round to take into account actual costs incurred from previous teams, currency fluctuations and any other applicable cost incurred for the team. However, in the event of unforeseen circumstances leading to the above Athlete Contribution Fees becoming unrealistic in intermediate years, Orienteering NZ reserves the right to adjust the athlete contribution accordingly.

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