



Annual report

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2025



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Our people

BOARD

Sarah O'Sullivan <i>Chair</i>	Jenni Adams
Guy Cory- Wright	Marcus Diprose
Marquita Gelderman <i>to April 2025</i>	Sara Prince <i>from April 2025</i>
Dave Stewart <i>from April 2025</i>	Peter Swanson

STAFF

General Manager	Christo Peters
Events liaison	Lachlan McKenzie
Major event support	Marcus Diprose <i>from June 2025</i>
Online co-ordinator	Roger Woodroffe
Performance leader	Jenni Adams
Training co-ordinator	Gene Beveridge
Technical Committee Support	Callum Wishart <i>from July 2025</i>
Communications and Marketing	Julia Moore

IOF COMMITTEE

Information Technology	Magnus Bengtsson
Mountain Bike Orienteering	Peter Swanson

HIGH PERFORMANCE STEERING GROUP

Tane Cambridge <i>Convener</i>	Joseph Lynch
Scott Smith	Briana Steven
Kieran Woods	

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATORS

Northern	Neill McGowan
Southern	Scott Smith & Heidi Stolberger

SELECTORS

Senior selectors	Alistair Cory-Wright <i>Convener to September 2025</i> Bill Edwards Kieran Woods
Junior selectors	Tessa Ramsden <i>Convener</i> Mike Beveridge Briana Steven
MTBO selectors	Peter Swanson <i>Convener</i> Martin Peat Sara Prince

COMMITTEES & ADVISORS

Selwyn Palmer and Michael Croxford resigned from the Mapping Committee in May 2025. Greg Bacchus and Michael Croxford joined the Technical Committee to form a new Technical and Mapping Committee from October 2025.

Technical & mapping	Marquita Gelderman <i>Convener</i> Greg Bacchus Russell Higham Dwayne Smith
MTBO committee	Alister Metherell <i>Convener</i> Julia Moore Joe Sherriff Peter Swanson Michael Wood
Rogaine liaison	Matt Bixley
Sustainability advisory group	Stephen Bradley <i>Convenor</i> Julia Moore Heidi Stolberger
Archivist	Bryan Teahan





General Manager and Chairman's report

Growing the sport, ambitious goals to 2030

Future focus

A key focus of the Board was future planning and the improvement of current policy. During the year a number of additional roles were added, the process to review our Health and Safety Policy started, and a new Junior and Schools Strategy was adopted. Sitting above these changes are our new three-year business plan and five-year strategic plan that help pave the direction for orienteering up to 2030. The new strategic plan boldly sets aspirational goals for our sport including having 80,000 annual participants and 5,000 club members by 2030. Also included in these goals is hosting the 2029 Junior World Championships (JWOC), a goal that was one step closer at year's end when New Zealand officially submitted an application to host JWOC 2029.

Continued growth

Club membership rose by 6.12% to an all-time high of 3,537 members. At the same time event participation increased by just over 1.7%. Although the number of events run by clubs dropped slightly, the average event attracted about 131 competitors, the second highest rate on record.

Performance at international events

The Oceania Championships hosted by Wellington were one of the first events of the year boasting the 3 largest foot-orienteering events of the year. New Zealanders dominated the Oceania leader board placing first in the 14 out of 16 of the elite events, the only events eluding us was the W20E Sprint and Long titles! A successful World Games campaign in China resulted in a 4th in the individual sprint for Tim Robertson and a 5th overall in the





mixed relay. Tim also placed a credible 6th in the Sprint at the World Cup 2 Event in Belgium. Other notable results included Jake McLellan's 7th place in the Junior World Championships Mens Sprint in Italy. Despite 13 podium places, New Zealand had to settle for a draw with Australian Capital Territory in this year's Southern Cross Challenge. This was the first time that a name other than New Zealand is engraved in the trophy!

Solid financial performance

Orienteering New Zealand's 2025 budget recognised growing costs for overseas trips and increased the subsidy for team coaches and managers for the all subsidised international events to try and ensure that athletes do not have to subsidise coaches and managers attending these events. Despite these increased budget items, Orienteering New Zealand's total equity rose by \$72,658. This was primarily attributed to interest revenue from long term bank deposits and

investments, a 10.2% increase in event levy income from the previous year, and staff expenses being well below what were anticipated.

Additional support roles

During the year Callum Wishart was appointed to help alleviate the administrative burden on the Technical Committee. Callum was also appointed to oversee the administration for the National Orienteering League and the National Sprint League. Marcus Diprose has taken on the new role of Major Events Support. This role is responsible for liaising with the clubs to ensure that their major events are on track and to provide shared resources and facilitate expertise where needed. Neill McGowan was appointed Regional Development Officer for the Tūāraki (Northern) region. In this role he oversees development for elite and pre-elite athletes that collectively make up the Northern Knights training squad.



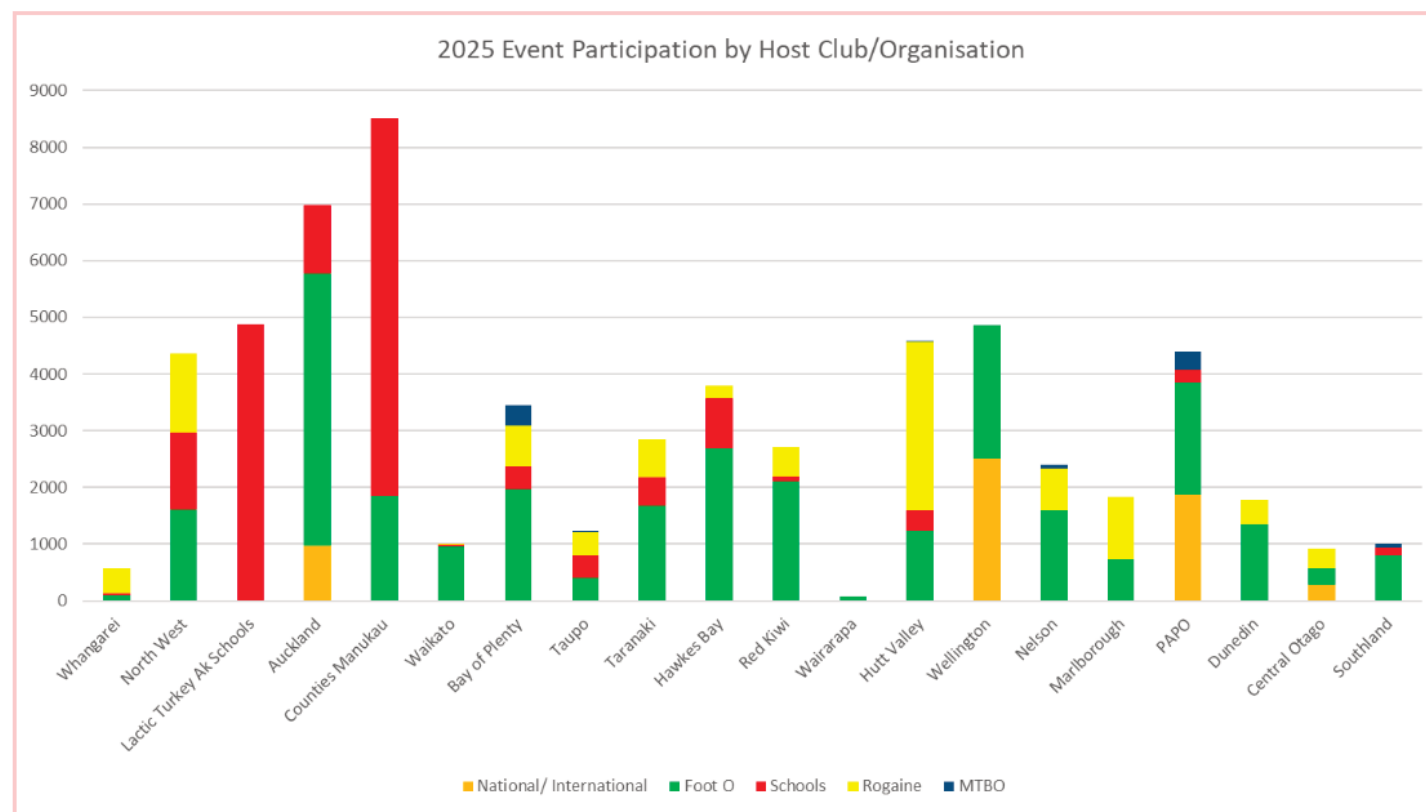


At a glance | club statistics





At a glance | Events



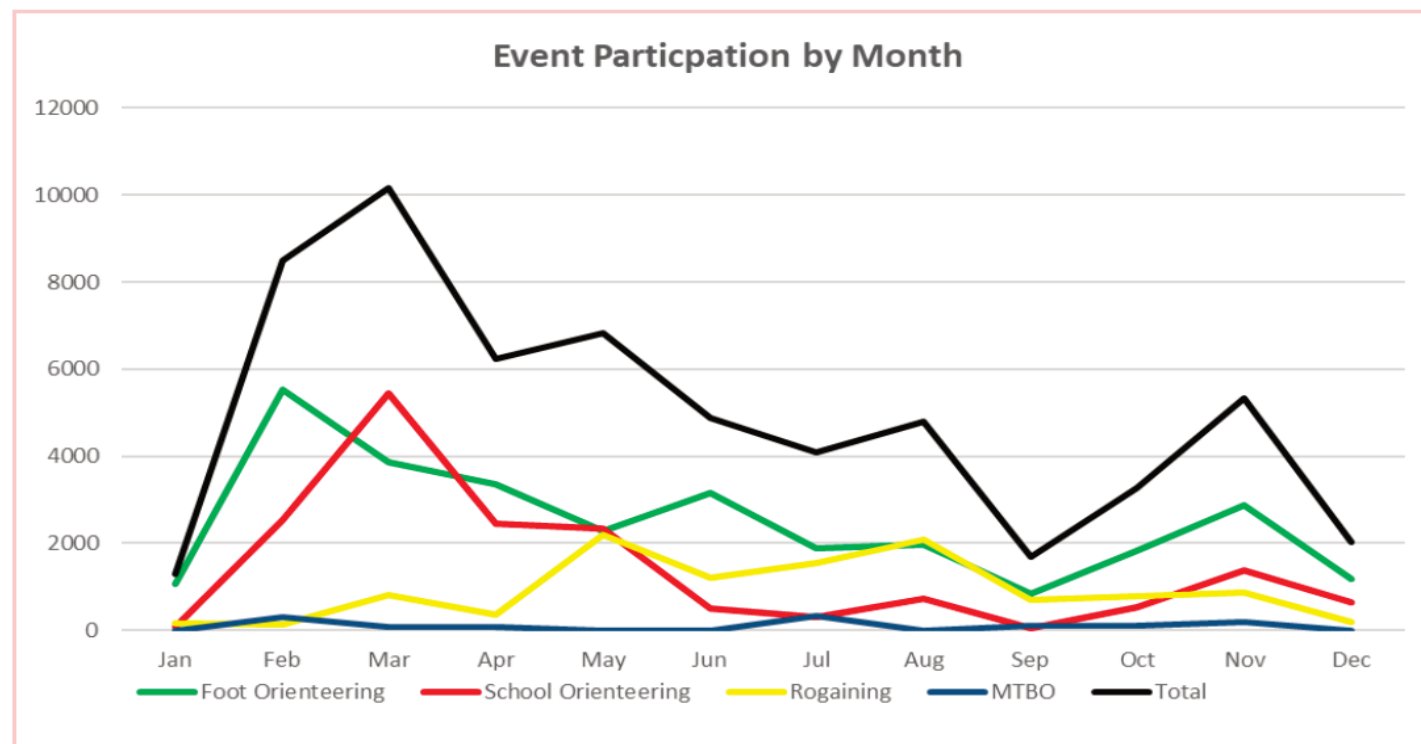
2025
480
total NZ
events

Note: Event participation by host club is based on the number of participants in events they host. Therefore, variations can occur if a club has not hosted many events.





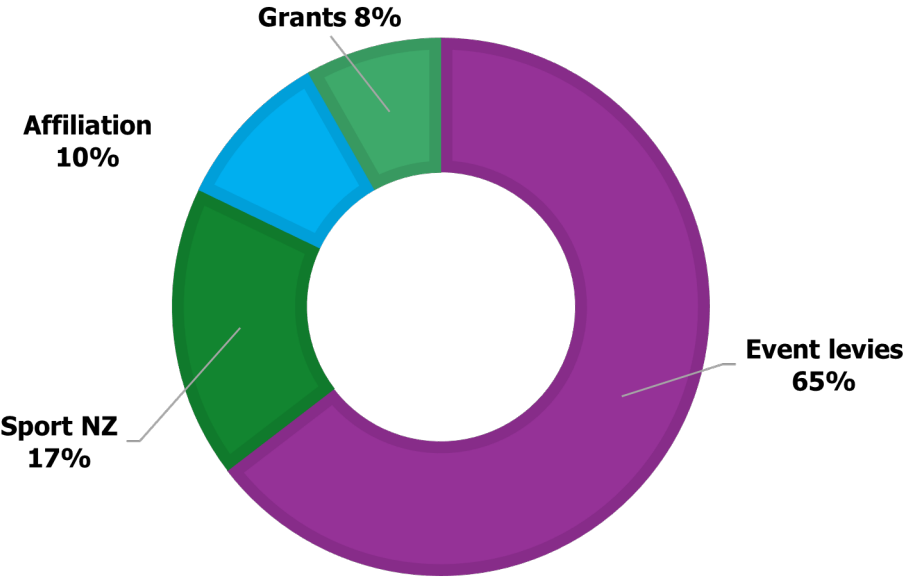
At a glance | Participation by month



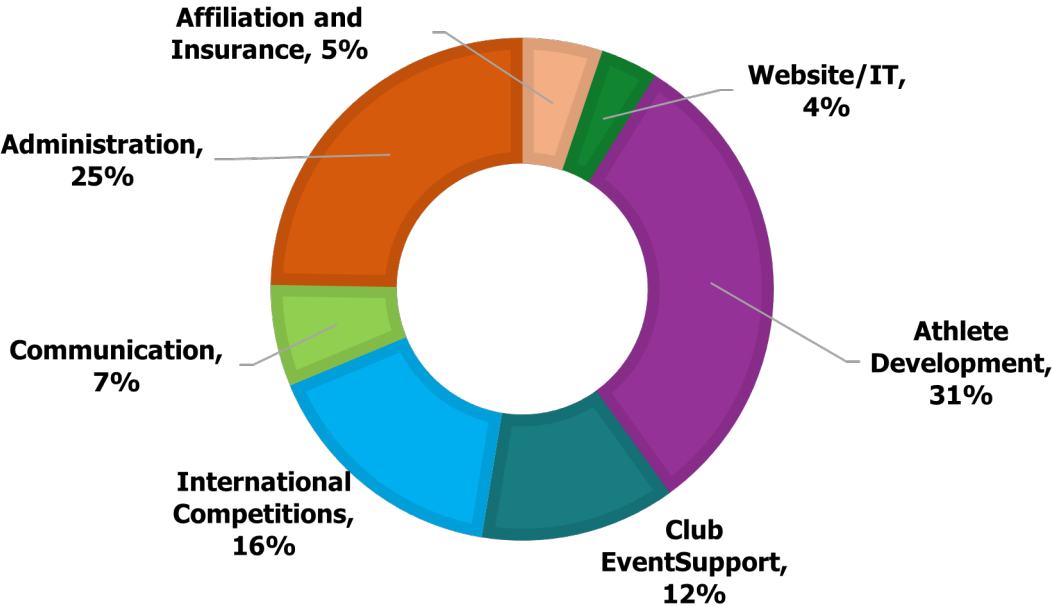


At a glance | Expenditure and revenue

2025 Operating revenue



2025 Operating expenditure



Event participation





Same number of events, but more participants

Membership rose for the fourth consecutive year reaching a record 62,000+ participants. Total events held were nearly identical to last year, suggesting clubs are hosting larger events — maximising efficiency.

LARGEST EVENTS 2025

Participants	Event / type of event	Club
718	Oceania Middle Distance / Foot O	Wellington
692	Oceania Long Distance / Foot O	Wellington
654	Oceania Sprint Distance / Foot O	Wellington
590	Woodhill Hicks Ave / Rogaine	North West
577	Great Forest Rogaine / Foot O and MTBO	Bay of Plenty
572	Nationals Long Distance / Foot O	PAPO
548	Nationals Middle Distance / Foot O	PAPO
525	Year 7 & 8 Interzone Champs / Schools Foot O	North West
524	Nationals Sprint / Foot O	PAPO
469	Year 7 & 8 Counties Zone Day / Schools Foot O	CMOC

Membership across the country rose for the fourth time in four years, reaching a membership record of over 62,000 individual event participants. At the same time, total event numbers dropped to nearly 0.6% indicating that on average clubs were hosting less events with slightly larger participant numbers.

The Pokapū (Central) region was the key contributor to increased growth with a staggering 29.9% increase in even participants during 2025. A key contributor to this was Wellington hosting the Oceania Championships in January where the four events averaged 626 participants. In comparison, participation in the Tūāraki (Northern) region and Taitonga (Southern) regions both experienced declines.

52.6% of events run in 2025 were foot orienteering, 28.9% were school events (not included in other categories), 17.6% were rogaine, and 1.8% were mountain bike orienteering. The biggest participation events were centred around multi-day major events and a couple of large rogaine events.



Steady upward membership trend

Membership growth continues its upward trend with the under 20 years age group making up 37.8% of total membership numbers

Membership across the country rose by 6.1% to 3,537. This rise on the back of last year's record high membership illustrates continued steady growth in our sport in the post-Covid era.

Of our three regions, Tūāraki (Northern) and Pokapū (Central) had increases of 9.6% and 14.4% respectively while Taitonga experienced a 2.3% decrease in membership. Most notable of the club increases were Whangarei whose membership rose from 34 members to 85, an increase of 150%. Other clubs with impressive increases included Counties Manukau and Taranaki reaching membership highs with increases of between 31.6 to 32.6% during 2025.

In 2025, Juniors (under 20yrs) made up 37.85% of total membership numbers. This continues a very gradual increase in junior membership resulting in 2.6% more of Orienteering New Zealand's membership being juniors then 5 years ago. With the launch of the new Junior and School Strategy in late 2025 and the initiatives supporting this plan from 2026, we can expect both junior membership and membership as a whole will continue to trend up-wards.

Membership remains gender balanced with approximately 50% female and 50 male, and 0.2% non-binary members. Senior membership is more heavily weighted towards female members (51.8% female, 48.1% male) whereas junior membership sees higher male membership (46.6% female, 53.2% male).





Houghton's Bush Camp a huge success!

Bursting with energy, ONZ's youth development is in a strong position as Junior Camp 2025 was the biggest since Covid

Junior Camp 2025 was the largest since Covid, with 69 young people, 13 junior coaches, and a dedicated team of adult helpers filling Houghton's Bush Camp to capacity. Participants were kept busy with a wide range of orienteering activities around camp, in Woodhill Forest and at local sprint venues.

The number of junior coaches allowed most training groups to have two coaches assigned to them, with the lead coach, Nathan Borton, moving between groups and managing logistics. Participants ranged from confident orange-level runners transitioning to red, through to prospective JWOC candidates refining their skills under pressure. Alongside the serious training in the forest and at sprint venues, camp based activities took a more light-hearted approach to improving orienteering skills. Having a campsite with an adventure playground and bush on all sides allowed the coaches to devise some highly entertaining events (for both participants and onlookers). These included punching races with controls at the top of climbing frames, night memory rogaining, where a stationary partner had to describe the control locations to a runner, and the mythical Norwegian control description training. Susanna Carryer reports that on the completion of the camp, every orienteer came away with a new kete of skills and ideas to improve their performance.





Southern Cross Challenge

NZ team shares trophy with Australian team for the first time in a tightly contested challenge



The Southern Cross Challenge 2025 was much closer competition than ever before. We came away relieved that NZ still has our name on the trophy every year, even if we had to share it with an Australian team for the first time ever. The overall results saw NZ Hārua and the Australian ACT team tied at the top, with NZ Karahiwi not too far behind in third place. The closer competition reflects growing depth and breadth in junior orienteering across both countries, and is therefore to be celebrated.

Brisbane heat was a major challenge for all competitors and illness impacted particularly in the NZ Karahiwi team with two

senior girls unable to compete and Coach Michael Croxford unable to participate for much of the week. There were some outstanding individual results in both the Australian Champs and the ASOC events.

Social activities included a group visit to a waterpark and a themed costume evening on the final night, both of which were well received by participants. New Zealand Southern Cross school team manager Susanna Carryer recounts that sharing accommodation with Australian teams created some logistical challenges, but also created an environment for developing friendships with other teams.





Rogaining



Top: Matt Bixley competing in the WMOC **Lower:** Fergus O'Neill and Will Tidswell on the podium at the World Rogaine Champs

This year 13 clubs hosted 91 rogaine events attracting more than 18,000 individual participants

2025 may mark a significant transition, with Matt Bixley (PAPO) stepping down as President of the International Rogaining Federation after seven years in the role.

In the the high-performance space, we witnessed the rise of some younger participants having stellar results. At the World Championships in Burgos, Spain. Will Tidswell (HBOC) and Fergus O'Neill (PAPO) won Youth Mens and finished 8th Overall making them the first youth team to ever finish in the top 10. Fergus followed that with a 2nd overall at the National Championships which were won by another team just out of youth grades, Tiian and Jonty McKinnel.

Rolf Boswell and Waikato hosted a new concept with a "Short Course" National Championships alongside the associated New Zealand Schools Rogaining Championships. Auckland Grammar, Mt Albert Grammar, Havelock North and Napier Boys all found a top spot on the podium in the 4 hour event. A competitive field in the 8 hour event justified trying this new event while it also re-introduced a championship-level rogaine back into the North Island.



Mountain bike orienteering

MTBO delivers a strong year at home and abroad



MTBO in 2025 got off to a great start with the New Zealand Championships held in Alexandra and Naseby in February. Of particular note was the Middle Distance held on the Matangi Station map (a.k.a. Linger and Die) which was described as unapologetically raw and rocky.

Seven clubs, held MTBO events with a range of formats from informal or MapRun courses, standard MTBO, night MTBO and rogaines from 1 to 6 hours duration.



Internationally, eight Kiwis competed in the Australian MTBO championships. New Zealand athletes competed in Europe in the World Masters MTBO series where Deb Bain won the W65 class in the World Masters Championship Mass Start event. In the overall series W65 grade Deb finished 2nd and Sally Dickson placed 3rd.

The MTBO Committee has decided to trial the IOF MTBO mapping specs at the 2026 NZ MTBO Champs. If adopted, these specs would align New Zealand with most other countries and enable kiwi athletes competing internationally, as well as visiting athletes, to get familiar with common mapping specifications and practices.





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Regional development

Northern - Auckland

Over 25 active members participated in numerous camps and intense training weekends. Led out by Nathan Borton, and with reciprocal help from Southerly Storm a lot of planning and setting trainings took place across the region. Camps have included: training camps around the Katoa Po weekend, in Rotorua and Taupo, summer sprints weekend around Auckland, multi-sprint weekend with knockouts, JWOC, EYOC and WUOC trials preparation weekend, Neill McGowan reports a 250% increase in membership over the past 12 months, noting that the 'Heja' App has contributed positively to social cohesion and culture-building.

Southern - Christchurch

A new app called 'Heja' to organise trainings, potlucks and events. Heidi Stolberger noted that a strength and conditioning programme was piloted with local personal trainers early in the year, however scheduling conflicts arising from busy calendars and competing commitments such as trials made it difficult to sustain. A large number joined up with the Nelson group to attend a joint Southerly Storm training camp in Nelson in March.



Numbers continued to grow with a great team culture enabling over 150 trainings (mix of orienteering, running and related activities) and 7 potlucks throughout the year.



Southern - Nelson

The Nelson region hosted a very successful training camp in St Arnaud including 15 participants coming from around the South Island for 2 days of physical, technical, and mental training. Scott Smith reports that this flowed on to group runs and workouts in the lead up to several members of the squad racing overseas in Europe. The Nelson region has recently welcomed newcomers from other areas of the country to bolster the squad and are excited to keep things going into 2026.



Capability and resources





Coaching and resources

The quality of a participant's experience shapes whether they stay, improve, and ultimately whether they recommend the sport to others.. Coaching and resources they are the core infrastructure that helps determine how the sport grows,

Coaching

The coaching focus for this year was on supporting key individuals to progress their aims. Typically this involved education and training in adjacent domains of the sport, such as course planning, OCAD and mapping.

Resources

A complete set of answer books was completed to go with the coaching workbooks, allowing coaches and individuals to assess themselves. There is now a substantial set of coaching resources for clubs and schools to leverage.

As coaches became comfortable with the knowledge contained in the coaching resources, it became clear that the major hurdles for leading coaches were now computer skills (mainly OCAD, Condes and Purple Pen) and course setting ability. Proactive coaches wanted to update maps and set training courses for their groups. To assist, course planning guides, presentations and challenges were created for clubs, planners, controllers and coaches to improve their understanding of competition rules, course quality and smart ways to approach this essential job.





Controllers clinics

Two controllers clinics were run this year, one in Auckland during in June, and a second one in Nelson during August. Alister Metherell oversaw both clinics. These clinics continue Orienteering New Zealand's approach of trying to hold clinics in two of the three orienteering regions annually.

“ Thank you for presenting this course ... It was great to help me understand what I already know and filled a lot of gaps Many helpful tips that will be very useful for our club level events including reviewing the currently available resources and where to find them. It will help our club work towards more consistent quality of maps with all the required information on them... I think it will make an overall difference in improving the quality of the events we offer, so I would recommend this course not just for people wanting to control major events but also for people involved in planning or running club level events. ”

Feedback sent to Alister Metherell after organising the Controller's clinic

New IOF Senior Event Advisors (SEA)

Four Kiwi orienteers were able to travel to Australia to gain their International Orienteering Federation (IOF) Senior Event Advisor (SEA) qualification this year. SEAs are required to oversee World Ranking Events (WRE) which provide our top athletes with World Ranking Points during events like the Oceania Championships, our National Championships, and King Birthday. We welcome Michael Croxford (Nelson), Alister Metherell (PAPO), Malcolm Ingham (Red Kiwis), and Tane Cambridge (PAPO) who join existing SEAs Gillian Ingham (Wellington), Marquita Gelderman (North West) and Graham Teahan (Red Kiwis).





Tax guidelines for clubs

At the request of clubs wanting information on their tax obligations making payments to volunteers and contractors, a Tax Guidelines for Clubs document was developed. The document was produced with input from a Tax specialist and the IRD. Whilst not specifically presented as advice, it was designed to help clubs more easily understand navigate relevant tax obligations for the different types of payments including services, expenses, recognitions, and honoria.

Schools and Junior Development strategy

Having identified schools orienteering and junior development as a key strategic priority, a significant piece of work was initiated in 2025 to bring together the different strands and insights generated through, working groups, forums and documents, into a cohesive path. The resulting strategy document for Junior Development and Schools Orienteering provides greater clarity for ONZ and clubs on how best to grow these critical areas.

Included in the document are intentions to increase participation in orienteering in schools from year 7 and up, as well as a focus on participation and fun. Junior Development brings an age appropriate development framework which guides the progression of juniors in the sport, with a focus on skills, development, support and performance. The new strategies builds off the excellent work which clubs have undertaken for years, and introduces a national model that club initiatives can dovetail into. A resource model accompanying the policy is being developed with the ONZ Board committed to funding for 2026 and beyond.





Mapping & quality events

A tribute to a decade of mappers as functions merge into new Technical and Mapping Committee

The Mapping Committee was formally established in 2015 after an Orienteering New Zealand strategic review. In 2025 the Committee was disestablished in 2025 and integrated with the Technical Committee to form into the new Technical and Mapping Committee. Significant projects completed by the Mapping Committee included: a review and consolidation of mapping resources available within New Zealand, providing guidance on the transition to new international mapping standards, sharing developments in new base map and cartography tools, and developing a forum for sharing and seeking advice on mapping.

New positions help safeguard our quality events

Callum Wishart was appointed to the Technical Committee Support Role late in the year but is already making an impact. By providing administrative support to the volunteering Technical Committee we have already increased the ability to process A and B Grade controller applications and A-Grade Event applications. The appointment of Marcus Diprose to the Major Event Support position has provided clubs hosting major events with additional support and access to resources and expertise.

PAST MAPPING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Dates	Club
Nick Hann	2015-2017 <i>Convenor</i>	Wellington
Linley Earnshaw	2015- 2017	PAPO
Michael Wood	2015 - 2022 <i>Convenor</i> 2018-2022	Hutt Valley
Michael Croxford	2018 -2025 <i>Convenor</i> 2023-2025	Nelson
Selwyn Palmer	2020 to 2025	Auckland





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A woman in a blue athletic outfit is standing on a rocky path next to a pond. She is reaching out towards a small orange and white flag on a tripod. In the background, there is a traditional Chinese building with red walls, green lattice windows, and a grey tiled roof. The building's reflection is visible in the water. Another person is visible on the left side of the image, also in athletic wear. The scene is surrounded by lush greenery and reeds.

Performance and achievement



High Performance review

New Zealand orienteering delivered outstanding international results, and consistent rankings across both men's and women's grades. Domestically, there is a growing depth within New Zealand

The 2026 High Performance year began with the Oceania Championships in Manawātū in January. Competition opened with a sprint race at Massey University before moving to technically demanding sand dune terrain for the forest events. New Zealand athletes delivered outstanding performances across all disciplines, with Lizzie Ingham winning all three individual events, while Joseph Lynch claimed the sprint title and Zefa Fa'avae secured both the middle and long distance titles. New Zealand also performed strongly in the relay events, taking both gold and silver in the elite grades, with the top two New Zealand teams outperforming the field and leading Australian teams relegated to bronze or lower.

The World Games took place in Chengdu, China in August in extremely hot conditions. Tragically, Italian athlete Mattia Debertolis collapsed during the middle distance race and passed away a few days later. This incident prompted further consideration by the IOF of guidelines for staging competitions in extreme heat. New Zealand athletes performed strongly, highlighted by Tim Robertson's fourth-place finish in the middle distance and the sprint relay team's fifth place.

Fifteen athletes represented New Zealand across the three World Cup rounds, with the best performances coming in Round 2 where Tim Robertson was once again on the podium in sixth place in the individual sprint event.





Domestically, New Zealand hosted nine World Ranking Events, three sprint and six forest races, across the Oceania and New Zealand Championships and the King's Birthday three-day event.

Several athletes achieved top-100 world rankings in 2025: Tim Robertson (sprint and forest), Joseph Lynch (sprint and forest), Zefa Fa'avae (forest), Laura Robertson (sprint), and Lizzie Ingham (sprint).

One of our high performance targets is to strengthen depth, measured by maintaining at least ten male and ten female athletes with World Ranking points above 5500 in both sprint and forest disciplines. This target was achieved for men in 2025. The women came close, with eight athletes exceeding this threshold in the forest rankings and nine in the sprint rankings. This growing depth contributed to improved Nations Federation League results, with the women reaching a high of 11th place and the men peaking at 14th. Over the course of the year, both the men and women consistently ranked within the top 15 nations.

The High Performance Camp was hosted by the Auckland region, beginning with a weekend of sprint-focused training followed by three days of technically challenging sessions in Woodhill Forest. Around 25 athletes participated, benefiting from sprint course planning led by Tim Robertson and Briana Steven, alongside forest training supported by Jenni Adams and international coaches Anna Taksdal and Hedda Karner Grooss. High-quality training terrain and excellent logistics support were made possible through the efforts of Kieran Woods, Nadia Clark, and Martin Crosby, along with the generous hosting from Joanna and Alistair Stewart.





World Orienteering Championships review

The World Orienteering Championships were held in the Kuopio region of Finland in July. The terrain was characteristic of Scandinavia, featuring intricate contour detail, rocky ground, and highly variable runnability. The New Zealand team combined youth and experience, with five of the nine selected athletes still under 21, highlighting the programme's developing depth.

The middle qualification took place on a steep slope overlooking the town of Tahko. Courses began near the top of the slope in complex terrain before transitioning into faster, downhill running. The standout performance came from Zefa Fa'avae, who placed third in his heat, just six seconds behind world number one Kasper Fosser. Fa'avae was joined in qualifying for the final by Tim Robertson and Rachel Baker, with Baker's composed performance particularly impressive given her age. Several other New Zealand athletes were in contention to qualify but were ultimately undone by small errors.

The middle and long distance finals were held in undulating forest near Kuopio. The middle distance demanded disciplined direction through areas where vague terrain punished any lapse in accuracy. The long distance, by contrast, featured sustained

physical effort and a number of long, challenging route choice legs.

The men's performances marked a clear step forward, with all achieving top-30 finishes and recording career-best forest results. Joseph Lynch and Zefa Fa'avae finished just seconds apart in 21st and 22nd respectively in the long distance final. The women's results did not quite match this level overall, although the top performance came from Rachel Baker, who placed 38th in the middle final.

The relay took place in forest surrounding Kuopio's ski jump arena, including a steep ridge that created several "over or around" route choice challenges. The men's team delivered a historic performance, finishing 9th, the first time New Zealand has broken into the top ten in the WOC men's relay, thanks to strong runs from Fa'avae, Lynch, and Robertson. The women's team was also tracking well for a top-15 finish, but unfortunately Kaia Joergensen mispunched. Her GPS showed she visited the control site, but she was likely caught out by a common Finnish feature where the punching unit can be positioned some distance from the control flag, leading her to punch the flag rather than the unit.





Junior world performances

Heat and hills — New Zealand at JWOC 2025

The Junior World Orienteering Championships in Trentino, Italy saw New Zealand retain its top-ten nations league ranking, placing 9th based on the top three men and women across all races.

The championships opened with the sprint relay in park and urban terrain. Both New Zealand teams tried hard in very hot conditions, with team New Zealand 2 narrowly edging New Zealand 1 in a close contest, with the two teams finishing less than a minute apart.

In the individual sprint, the more technical setting of the old town, featuring steep, narrow streets and complex route choice, suited our athletes well. Jake McLellan produced a standout performance to place 7th and Felix Hunt reaffirmed his position as one of New Zealand's most consistent sprinters with a 12th place. New Zealand was one of only two nations to place three men inside the top 30; the second-best performing nation in the men's sprint.

The long distance tested athletes with heat, sustained climbing, and physically demanding terrain. Our team performed strongly,



showing composed navigation, with Felix Hunt and Rachel Baker leading the way in 17th and 21st respectively.

The middle distance was run in blisteringly hot conditions, with detailed forest terrain like that found in Scandinavia. However some of the vegetation proved to be less penetrable than mapped which lead to time losses for some of the New Zealand team. Felix Hunt and Rachel Baker were once again our top performers.

The forest relay, held in similar terrain to the middle distance, provided an exciting conclusion to the week. Both the men's and women's teams delivered consistent performances, each finishing 15th.





Leaderboard and National league

The 2025 National Orienteering League results

The TrailBlaze National Orienteering League and National Sprint League are season-long competitions designed to drive performance standards and strengthen the depth and competitiveness of domestic racing. In 2025, NOL traversed the best of NZ orienteering terrain from the Manawatū sand dunes, to native beech forest in Waikaia, to new North Canterbury sand dunes and limestone farm and forest, to classic Hawkes Bay farmland terrain with rock and intricate contours.

First-year senior Zefa Fa'avae was the dominant winner of the men's competition, taking out the first two rounds of the NOL and never placing lower than second in any event he contested. Lizzie Ingham won every race she entered, but an incomplete series allowed KaiaJoergensen to claim the overall title, demonstrating impressive consistency across the full range of New Zealand terrain. Lara Molloy and Renee Beveridge completed the women's podium, while Felix Hunt and Joseph Lynch rounded out the men's.

Joseph Lynch opened the National Sprint League strongly, winning the early rounds, but planning commitments for the

#1 OCEANIA MIDDLE

25 JAN - SANTOFT FOREST

#2 OCEANIA LONG

26 JAN - SANTOFT FOREST

#3 SI LONG

7 FEB - WAIKAIA

#4 SI MIDDLE

8 FEB - WAIKAIA

#5 NZOC MIDDLE

19 APRIL - WAIKUKU

#6 NZOC LONG

20 APRIL - MT CASS

#7 KBD MIDDLE

1 JUNE - MARAETOTARA

#8 KBD LONG

2 JUNE - SMEDLEY

NOL 2025



#1 OCEANIA SPRINT

26 JAN - MASSEY UNIVERSITY

#2 SI SPRINT

6 FEB - MILTON SCHOOLS

#3 NZOC SPRINT

18 APRIL - CHRISTCHURCH CBD

#4 KNOCKOUT SPRINT

22 APRIL - CHRISTCHURCH

#5 KBD SPRINT

31 MAY - IONA COLLEGE

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knockout sprint and a coaching stint in Canada meant Lynch did not contest the full series, leaving the door open for the consistent Jake McLellan to take the overall title, ahead of Nathan Borton and Jacob Knoef. In the women's competition, Zara Stewart demonstrated her sprint pedigree with a series of consistent top finishes to secure the overall win, ahead of Kaia Joergensen and Renee Beveridge.

2025 FOREST LEAGUE

WOMEN	MEN
1. Kaia Joergensen	1. Zefa Fa'avae
2. Lara Molloy	2. Felix Hunt
3. Renee Beveridge	3. Joseph Lynch

2025 SPRINT LEAGUE

WOMEN	MEN
1. Zara Stewart	1. Jake McLellan
2. Kaia Joergensen	2. Nathan Borton
3. Renee Beveridge	3. Jakob Knoef



First in Forest League : left: Kaia Joergensen right: Zefa Fa'avae



First in Sprint League: left: Zara Stewart right: Jake McLellan



Relationships and partners



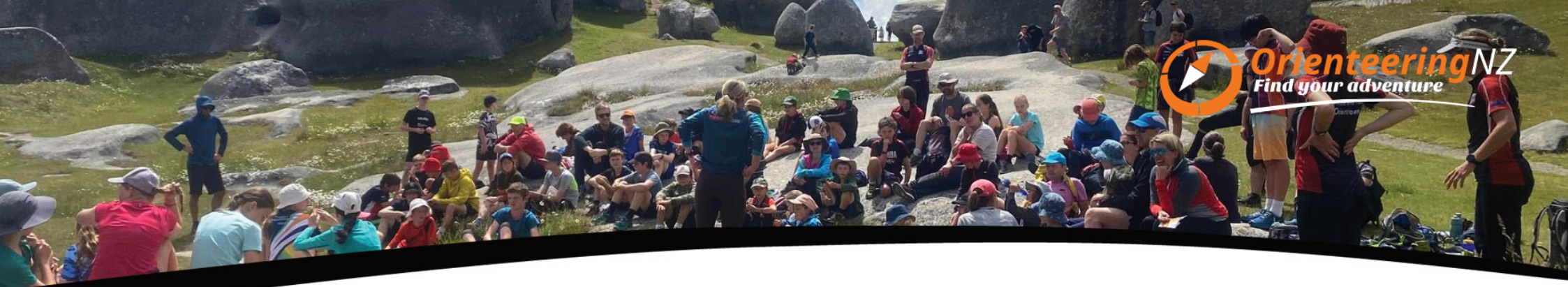
Key partnerships

We thank and acknowledge key supporters and partners that our sport relies upon:





Strong organisation



Governance and board performance

A year of strategic renewal and investment in orienteering's future

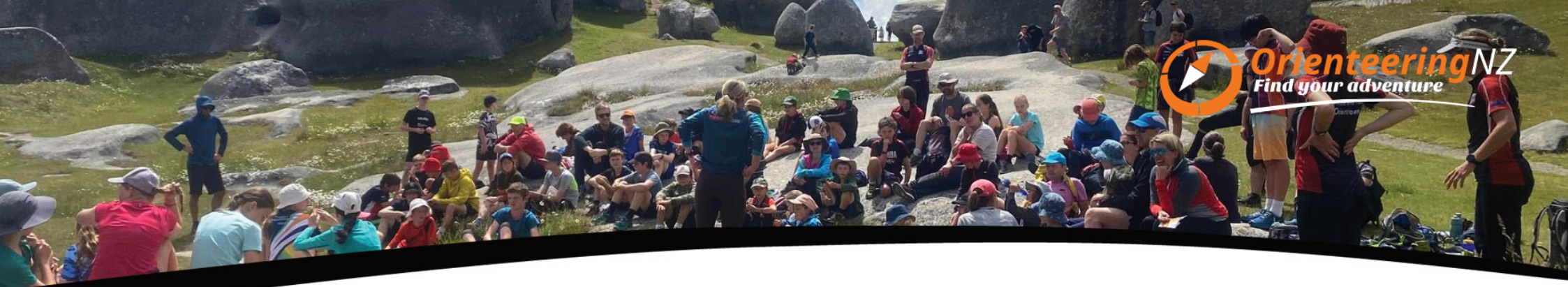
The main focus for the Board in 2025 was refreshing the strategic plan. It was a year of purposeful progress for Orienteering New Zealand, reflecting on the past five years while strengthening our strategic direction, ensuring inclusivity, and investing in junior and schools pathways.

A significant priority for the Board has been the refresh of the strategy. The process drew on wide discussion in the board and

throughout the sport with members and club representatives at two forums, using informal conversations across the year, and from consultation and surveys carried out in previous years. The refreshed five-year strategy captures our aspirations for the sport, supported by a business plan that sets out the practical steps we will take to help clubs, orienteers, and organisers enjoy the sport.

BOARD ATTENDANCE & LEADERSHIP

	Board meetings	AGM	Club forum	Leaders forum	Leadership areas	Other ONZ responsibilities
Sarah Sullivan <i>Chair</i>	11	✓	✓	✓		
Jenni Adams	11	✓	✓	✓		Performance leader
Guy Cory-Wright	11	✓	✓	✓	Exec committee, Ozone	
Marcus Diprose	11	✓	✓	✓	Exec committee, JWOC 2029 bid	Major Events role
Marquita Gelderman <i>to April 2025</i>	2	✓	✓	✓		
Sara Prince <i>from May 2025</i>	8	✓	✓	-		MTBO Selection Panel
Dave Stewart <i>from May 2025</i>	7	✓	✓	✓		
Peter Swanson	10	-	✓	✓	Junior Strategy, Health & Safety draft	MTBO Committee & MTBO Selection Panel



Throughout the year, the Board gave careful consideration to school-age participants in orienteering. Strategies to support orienteers who are school-aged were developed with key support from a group of members around the country. The Junior and School Strategies helped inform investment in the 2026 business plan, also reflecting a priority from clubs for ONZ support to further growth school and junior participation.

Changes to the rules of School Sport New Zealand required the Board to carefully consider our role in ensuring fair and equitable access to participation and competition opportunities. The Board has worked through the complexities of eligibility, participation, and selection. This has included specific consideration of how home-schooled students may participate in events and be eligible for selection, including for the Southern Cross team. While not all aspects are straightforward, the Board remains committed to enabling opportunities for young people to engage, enjoy and excel in orienteering.

I would like to acknowledge the time, passion and commitment of my fellow Board members. And from the Board a massive thank you to all the club officials, volunteers, ONZ staff and volunteers and team officials, it is through your dedication, attention to detail and energy that makes the experiences of orienteers in New Zealand fabulous and a sport that is growing in New Zealand.





Navigating the digital landscape

Results, friendly rivalry, and the rise of OZone are all keeping us well connected

Orienteering New Zealand enjoyed strong digital visibility this year, beginning with the IOF spotlight on Oceania and continuing through a series of internationally followed performances. Jake McLellan's 7th place at the JWOC individual sprint generated huge online support, while the full WOC team drew a strong following, with three finishing in the top 30 in the men's long distance and a 9th in the relay. Tim Robertson delivered a nail-biting 6th at the Orienteering World Cup 2 in Hasselt and an agonising 4th at the World Games middle, just 21 seconds off the podium. Felix's gold at O-Ringen was equally celebrated online.

It was not only pure orienteering that captivated audiences — Fergus O'Neill and Will Tidswell's World Rogaining Championship win drew strong media engagement, and adventure sports such as mountain running, Godzone, and mountain biking all attracted dedicated followers online, reflecting how orienteers gravitate to any activity requiring navigation and thinking on the move. Youth sport also united communities, bringing competitors, their peers and supporters together building a growing online following within the sport. Global trends confirm that digital and social platforms have overtaken TV and print for sports consumption, and since orienteering has not traditionally generated large media, creating specific orienteering content grows our audience steadily alongside membership.



Added to the Orienteering NZ website during 2025

Streaming major international events from home, even at 2:30am, became the norm, with IOF figures showing more fans watching live each year. Social media remained the go-to for following teams overseas, with links to results shared widely.

For orienteers, reviewing the map and comparing placings after an event is essential, and social media proved equally eager to share results and highlights. O-Zone was built to deliver exactly the detailed, timely results that orienteers demand. First conceived in 2024 and piloted ahead of Nationals in 2025, it filled a gap by bringing results together in one place, seeing record usage during the Pokapū and Tūāraki Champs towards the end of 2025. Beyond results, it has calculated series, OY scores and generated leaderboards such as the National Orienteering League. It also helped a club identify active members to prompt re-joining. Like social media, Ozone personalises the user experience but may prove to be more usefully addictive.

New Zealand continues golden course at Oceania Championships

The athletes at the 2025 Oceania Orienteering Championships continued their fight for n coastal terrains of New Zealand's lower North Island on Sunday and Monday.

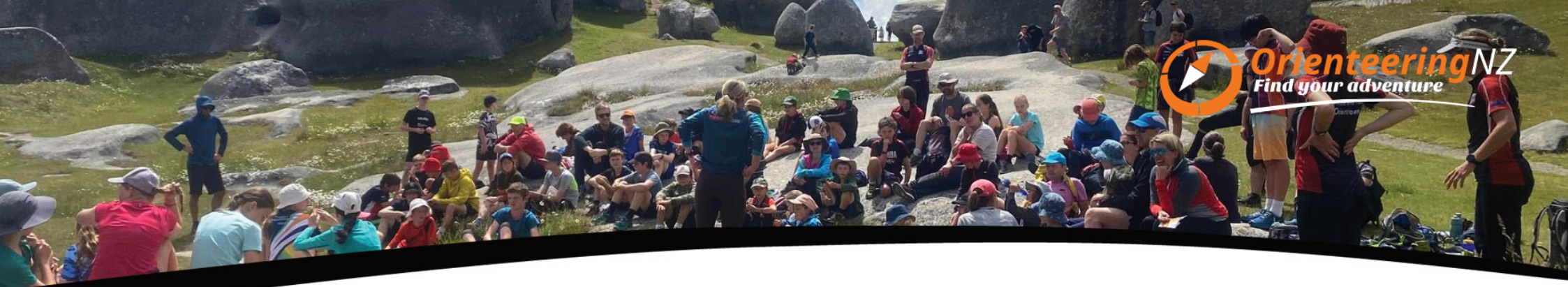
Compared to Saturday's hot middle distance, the temperatures were more pleasant on S the long distance was to be decided in rain.

And like the previous days, it was with a strong New Zealand dominance in the top posit elite classes.

Lizzie Ingham (NZL) continued her golden streak in the women's event and defended her distance title by finishing 1:24 ahead of compatriot Kaia Joergensen, who won her third s at the championships.

Another Kiwi took the bronze medal - Renee Beveridge, who was 3:09 minutes behind Ir the 10.4 kilometers.





Club engagement

Club forums reveal the diversity of orienteering nationwide, shaping our strategic direction

The Presidents and Club Leaders forums are important avenues for the Board to hear views from across the country. This year we focused the two sessions on discussions on the draft strategic plan and the direction of the junior and school strategies.

The discussion at both the forums is invaluable for the Board and informed a different emphasis in the subsequent version of the Strategic plan.

Discussions at the President's Forum highlighted the considerable diversity across clubs nationwide, reflecting differences in event approaches, landowner relationships, organisational challenges, club size, and levels of technical expertise



Financial reports



Financials

ONZ's financial position strengthened in 2025, with equity rising. This has been driven by staff savings, higher levy revenue, investment growth, and lower-than-expected international trip and camp costs. A new reporting format required by the Incorporated Societies Act means this year's accounts will look different from previous years.

As part of the obligations associated with the new Incorporated Societies Act, Orienteering New Zealand must report to the new External Reporting Board (XRB) tier three requirements prescribed by the government. These requirements do not allow many of the budget lines previously reported in our financial reports. As a result, the reports that follow are in a different format to recent years and the notes section has been extended to try and provide more clarity to stakeholders.

Orienteering New Zealand remains in a sound financial position. A higher than budgeted surplus was achieved of \$72,658. This was primarily a result of a mix of unplanned underspend and revenue gains, associated with five budget areas – lower than expected staff expenditure (approx. \$29K), increased levy returns as our participation numbers increase, investment gains, and reduced national camp costs aided by successful grant

applications and lower than budgeted catering costs. This was a combination of new roles that were budgeted to start at the beginning of the year being only confirmed in the last quarter, existing roles requiring less hours, and a couple of contract roles being re-evaluated as the Board established our new strategic direction for the next five years.

Investments grew by approximately \$28,000. These figures represent both a steady growth of long term bank investments which rose by \$7,870, and funds being managed by Milford Investments that rose by \$20,011.

Compared to the 1.4% increase in event participation nationally, a 10.2% increase in event levy revenue indicated that the average cost of attending an orienteering event rose slightly during 2025.

Larger subsidies were budgeted for international trips in recognition that the cost of travelling continues to increase. Each year these trips fluctuate based on where in the world they are held and the cost of things like food, accommodation and airfares. Orienteering New Zealand continues to strive to cover the costs of team management and coaches for four target events and subsidises the entry fees for World Cup athletes with a tiered structure of support. In 2025 support for the Junior World Orienteering Championships was \$14,775 (\$15,000 budgeted), \$12,107 was spent in support of the Southern Cross Challenge (\$15,000 budgeted), \$11,000 for the World Orienteering Championships (\$11,000 budgeted), and \$3,100 for the World Games (\$2,000 budgeted). World Cup entry support totaled \$5,200.

Grants provided by NZCT and Pub Charity, Orienteering New Zealand camp subsidies, and Junior Camp catering from our Auckland Orienteering Club members Chris and Norm Jager combined to make the National Camps extremely good value with the Junior Camp reaching its maximum number of participants for the first time since Covid.



Orienteering New Zealand Inc

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

NOTE: The full 11-page financial report compliant with XRB's Tier 3 not for Profit Standard including the Accountant and Board sign-off can be viewed [here](#)

Orienteering New Zealand Inc

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the year ended 31 December 2025

All figures rounded to the nearest dollar

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue			
Donations		360	400
Operational grants	1	18,439	5,000
Sport New Zealand grants	2	39,534	32,400
Membership and Event Levies	3	167,101	153,053
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	4	27,889	29,634
Other revenue	5	229,684	250,594
Total revenue		483,008	471,080
Expenses			
Employee remuneration and other related expenses		74,924	76,830
Volunteer related expenses	6	34,401	45,704
Other expenses related to service delivery	7	301,025	318,373
Total expenses		410,350	440,908
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		72,658	30,172

1. For 2025: \$5,000 NZCT, \$13,439 Pub Charity
2. For 2025: \$32,400 annual grant, 1 1-off additional grant of \$7,134
3. For 2025: \$145,365 Event levies, \$21,736 Affiliation levies
4. For 2025: \$20,011 Milford Investment, \$7,878 bank interest
5. National Camps & International Trip athlete costs
6. Workshops, Regional Development, Coaches in Residence
7. All other operating expenses

ORIENTEERING NEW ZEALAND INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended 31 December 2025

All figures rounded to the nearest dollar

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash		129,823	154,149
Short Term deposits		145,741	137,864
Debtors and prepayments		48,480	47,954
Total current assets		324,044	339,967
Non-current assets			
Uniforms and Laptop	8	7,432	1,294
Investments	9	250,902	230,891
Total non-current assets		258,334	232,185
Total assets		582,378	572,153
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses		12,560	60,633
Deferred revenue		-	15,714
Tax (GST)		15,908	14,553
Total current liabilities		28,468	90,900
Non-current liabilities			
Other non-current liabilities		-	-
Total non-current liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities		28,468	90,900
Total assets less total liabilities (net assets)		553,910	481,253
Accumulated Funds			
Funds carried forward from previous year		481,253	451,081
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)		72,658	30,172
Total Accumulated Funds		553,910	481,253

8. For 2025: New GM laptop and uniform, Depreciation has been removed from these items
 9. Milford Investment

ORIENTEERING NEW ZEALAND INC

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Statement of compliance

This performance report is prepared in accordance with the XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard. The entity is eligible to apply these requirements as it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than \$5,000,000. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. This performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Basis of measurement

All amounts are recorded on a GST exclusive basis, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income tax

Orienteering New Zealand is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year.

Presentation currency

Financial statements are prepared in New Zealand Dollars (\$).





National teams

World Orienteering Championships (WOC)

Kuopio, Finland, 8-12 July 2025

Manager: Magnus Bengtsson Assistant manager: Carsten Jørgensen

Placings					
Men	Club	Middle Qualifying	Middle Final	Long	Relay
Zefa Fa'avae	Nelson	3 <i>heat 3</i>	30	22	9
Felix Hunt	PAPO	25 <i>heat 1</i>	-	-	-
Joseph Lynch	PAPO	27 <i>heat 1</i>	-	21	9
Tim Robertson	Hutt Valley	15 <i>heat 2</i>	24	-	9
Toby Scott	Auckland	-	-	26	-
..					
Women	Club	Middle Qualifying	Middle Final	Long	Relay
Katherine Babington	PAPO	19 <i>heat 3</i>	-	-	-
Rachel Baker	Wellington	12 <i>heat 1</i>	38	-	MP
Kaia Joergenson	PAPO	17 <i>heat 2</i>	-	MP	MP
Lara Molloy	Auckland	-	-	47	MP



World Games

Chengdu, China, 8-11 August 2025

Manager: Matt Ogden

Men	Club	Middle	Sprint	Relay (Mixed)
Joseph Lynch	PAP0	19	11	5
Tim Robertson	Hutt Valley	4	9	5
Women	Club	Middle	Sprint	Relay (Mixed)
Laura Robertson	Hutt Valley	19	25	5
Zara Stewart	Auckland	32	34	5



Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC)

Trentino, Italy, 26 August to 4 July 2025

Manager: Kieran Woods Coaches: Briana Steven & Tane Cambridge

Placings						
Men	Club	Sprint Relay (Mixed)	Sprint	Long	Middle	Forest Relay
Sam Carryer	Auckland	42 (24 th nation)	98	137	137	39
Riley Croxford	Nelson	56 *	128	81	162	39
Felix Hunt	PAPO	48	12	17	37	20 (15 th nation)
Jakob Knoef	PAPO	48	29	98	80	20 (15 th nation)
Jake McLellan	Hutt Valley	42 (24 th nation)	7=	28	75	20 (15 th nation)
Eddie Swain	Nelson	-	-	42	-	39
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Women	Club	Sprint Relay (Mixed)	Sprint	Long	Middle	Forest Relay
Anna Babington	PAPO	48	105	77	52=	24
Katherine Babington	PAPO	48	83	85	52=	18 (15 th nation)
Rachel Baker	Wellington	42 (24 th nation)	65	21	39	18 (15 th nation)
Tide Fa'avae	Nelson	56 *	57	53	100	18 (15 th nation)
Phoebe Hunt	PAPO	70 *	81	73	68	24
Georgia Lindroos	Auckland	42 (24 th nation)	77	113	107	24

*Composite team - Placings reflect the position of the New Zealand runners at the point of handover to later runners



European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC)

Brno, Czechia, 17-21 July 2025

Manager: Jenni Adams Assistant manager: Carsten Jørgensen

		Placings		
M18	Club	Long	Sprint	Relay
Leo Croxford	Nelson	106	98	-
Matthew Greenwood	Auckland	79	61	22
Thomas Potts	Hawkes bay	89	90	22
James Wright	PAPO	94	94	22
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W18	Club	Long	Sprint	Relay
Juliet Freeman	PAPO	72	81	-
Georgia Lindroos	Auckland	85	70	18
Lani Murray	Nelson	81	83	18
Zara Toes	Auckland	39	59	18
M16	Club	Long	Sprint	Relay
Jakob Abernethy	Red Kiwis	85	27	12
Tahi Harris	Auckland	36	24	-
Adam Landels	Auckland	75	75	12
Xavier White	Auckland	66	31	12
W16	Club	Long	Sprint	Relay
Charlotte Dalziel	Auckland	95	81	-
Cerys Findlow	Auckland	90	70	18
Torun Joergensen	PAPO	79	83	18
Dora Slavich	Auckland	93	59	18



Orienteering World Cup (OWC)

Round one
Idre Fjäll, Sweden, 19-21 June 2025

Placings				
Men	Club	Long	Middle	Forest Relay
Oliver Egan	Nelson	71 (B Final)	80 (B Final)	31
Zefa Fa'avae	Nelson	25 (B Final)	26 (B Final)	31
Joseph Lynch	PAPO	49 (A Final)	41 (A Final)	16 (10 th nation)
Fergus O'Neill	PAPO	72 (B Final)	68 (B Final)	31
Tim Robertson	Hutt Valley	54 (A Final)	64 (A Final)	16 (10 th nation)
Toby Scott	Auckland	20 (B Final)	28 (B Final)	16 (10 th nation)
Scott Smith	Nelson	94 (B Final)	86 (B Final)	MP (composite team)
Kieran Woods	Auckland	97 (B Final)	-	MP (composite team)
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Women	Club	Long	Middle	Forest Relay
Renee Beveridge	North West	28 (B Final)	25 (B Final)	24 (13 th nation)
Kaia Joergensen	PAPO	27 (B Final)	18 (B Final)	24 (13 th nation)
Lara Molloy	Auckland	39 (B Final)	29 (B Final)	24 (13 th nation)
Briana Steven	PAPO	24 (B Final)	-	-
Heidi Stolberger	North West	37 (B Final)	20 (B Final)	31 (composite team)



Round two
Hasselt, Belgium, 27-31 August 2025

		Placings				
Men	Club	Sprint Relay (Mixed)	Knockout Sprint	Qual	Knockout Final	Sprint
Jakob Knoef	PAPO	-	34	heat 1, 100		35 heat 3
Joseph Lynch	PAPO	-	14	heat 1, 44		24 heat 1
Tim Robertson	Hutt Valley	-		DNS, -		6 final
Kieran Woods	Auckland	-	44	heat 2, 130		46 heat 2
Women	Club	Sprint Relay (Mixed)	Knockout Sprint	Knockout Final	Sprint	
Laura Robertson	Hutt Valley	-	15	heat 2, 44		31 final

Round three
Uster, Switzerland, 26-28 September 2025

		Placings		
Men	Club	Sprint	Sprint Relay	Knockout Sprint
Jakob Knoef	PAPO	98	16	
Tim Robertson	Hutt Valley	18=	16	5 quarter-final 5
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Women	Club	Sprint	Sprint Relay	Knockout Sprint
Amber Riddle	Hutt Valley	89	16	
Laura Robertson	Hutt Valley	17=	16	6 quarter-final 5



Oceania Championships

Manawatū, New Zealand, 24-27 January 2025



SPRINT 21E

Men 21 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Joseph Lynch	NZL	PAPO	1
Tim Robertson	NZL	Upper Hutt	2
Angus Haines	AUS	SA Arrows	3

Women 21 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Lizzie Ingham	NZL	Wellington	1
Hanne Hilo	FIN		
Kaia Joergensen	NZL	PAPO	2
Sabine Hauswirth	SUI		
Siri Suter	SUI		
Grace Crane	AUS	ACT Abominable O-Men	3

SPRINT 20E

Men 20 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Felix Hunt	NZL	PAPO	1
Jake McLellan	NZL	Hutt Valley	2
Jakob Knoef	NZL	PAPO	3

Women 20 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Filippa Braun	SWE		
Nea Shingler	AUS	NSW Stingers	1
Milla Key	AUS	VIC Vikings	2
Anna Babington	NZL	PAPO	3

MIDDLE 21E

Men 21 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Zefa Fa'avae	NZL	Nelson	1
Joseph Lynch	NZL	PAPO	2
Leith Soden	AUS	SA Arrows	3

Women 21 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Lizzie Ingham	NZL	Wellington	1
Hanne Hilo	FIN		
Kaia Joergensen	NZL	PAPO	2
Sabine Hauswirth	SUI		
Grace Crane	AUS	ACT Abominable O-Men	3

MIDDLE 20E

Men 20 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Felix Hunt	NZL	PAPO	1
Eddie Swain	NZL	Nelson	2
Euan Best	AUS	TAS Forest	3

Women 20 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Katherine Babington	NZL	PAPO	1
Rachel Baker	NZL	Wellington	2
Nea Shingler	AUS	NSW Stingers	3



LONG 21E

Men 21 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Zefa Fa'avae	NZL	Nelson	1
Matt Ogden	NZL	Nelson	2
Joseph Lynch	NZL	PAP0	3

Women 21 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Lizzie Ingham	NZL	Wellington	1
Kaia Joergensen	NZL	PAP0	2
Renee Beveridge	NZL	North West	3

LONG 20E

Men 20 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Jakob Knoef	NZL	PAP0	1
Jake McLellan	NZL	Hutt Valley	2
Eddie Swain	NZL	Nelson	3

Women 20 Elite	Country	Club	Placing
Filippa Braun	SWE		
Milla Key	AUS	VIC Vikings	1
Nea Shingler	AUS	NSW Stingers	2
Tide Fa'avae	NZL	Nelson	3

RELAY 21E

Men 21 Elite	Country	Placing
Zefa Fa'avae (Nelson), Matt Ogden (Nelson), Joseph Lynch (PAP0)	NZL	1
Will Tidswell (Hawkes Bay), Scott Smith (Nelson), Nick Hann (PAP0)	NZL	2
Matt Doyle (VIC Vikings), David Stocks (CBR Cockatoos), Brodie Nankervis (TAS Forest)	NZL	3

Women 21 Elite	Country	Placing
Kaia Jorgensen (PAP0), Renee Beveridge (North West), Lara Molloy (Auckland)	NZL	1
Zara Stewart (Auckland), Imogene Scott (Auckland), Briana Steven (PAP0)	NZL	2
Siri Suter (SUI), Filippa Braun (SWE), Amber Riddle (Hutt, NZ)	Mixed	
Grace Crane (CBR Cockatoos), Emily Sorensen (SA Arrows), Aislinn Prendergast (VIC Vikings)	AUS	3

RELAY 20E

Men 20 Elite	Country	Placing
Riley Croxford (Nelson), Jake McLellan (Hutt Valley), Felix Hunt (PAP0)	NZL	1
Jakob Knoef (PAP0), Sam Carryer (Auckland), Eddie Swain (Nelson)	NZL	2
Nicholas Green (Auckland), James Wright (PAP0), Matthew Greenwood (Auckland)	NZL	3

Women 20 Elite	Country	Placing
Rachel Baker (Wellington), Phoebe Hunt (PAP0), Tide Fa'avae (Nelson)	NZL	1
Anna Babington (PAP0), Morag McLellan (Hutt Valley), Katherine Babington (PAP0)	NZL	2
Nea Shingler (NSW Stingers), Milla Key (VIC Vikings), Erika Enderby (NSW Stingers)	AUS	3



Southern Cross Challenge *part of the Australian Schools Championships*

Brisbane, Australia, 27 September to 5 October 2025

Managers: Susanna Carryer (Auckland), Lara Molloy (Auckland), Kathryn Chrystal (Auckland),

Coaches: Tane Cambridge (PAPO), Michael Croxford (Nelson), Nahan Borton (Auckland)

NZ HĀRUA

Placings

Senior male	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Leo Croxford	Nelson	23	20	-
Tahi Harris	North West	8	13	2
Blake McKinnon	CMOC	5	4	2
Zack Meads	CMOC	4	14	2
Leo O'Neill	PAPO	12	10	-

Senior female	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Niamh Hoare	CMOC	19	5	1
Orla Hoare	CMOC	11	18	-
Kate Robinson	CMOC	16	12	-
Zara Toes	Auckland	2	1	1
Anna Wright	PAPO	9	16	1

Junior male	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Alfie Cochrane	OBOP	29	8	MP
Quinn Harris	Auckland	MP	38	-
Tristan Jayasuriya	Auckland	20	32	-
Kade McLoughlan	CMOC	22	47	MP
Daniel Porteous	North West	5	4	MP

Junior female	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Maggie Bauzon	Auckland	6	22	-
Jemima Hoskin	Southland	11	3	3
Ilanthe MacMillan Armstrong	Southland	MP	7	3
Emily Reeves	Auckland	8	28	-
Victoria Underwood	Southland	2	5	3

NZ KARAHIWĪ

Placings

Senior male	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Oscar Burns	OBOP	7	6	MP
Arya Chebbi	Hawkes Bay	20	25	-
Jake McLellan	Hutt Valley	3	2	MP
Solomon Randerson	Auckland	9	16	MP
William Wood	CMOC	15	17	-

Senior female	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Anna Batcheler	Auckland	6	2	4
Ami McGowan	Auckland	15	28	4
Morag McLellan	Hutt Valley	40	DNS	-
Amy Nicoll	Hawkes Bay	DNS	-	-
Greta Prince	PAPO	7	8	4

Junior male	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Aiden Barrett-Hamilton	North West	6	23	MP
James Diprose	PAPO	26	48	-
James Keir	CMOC	MP	41	-
Alex Maxwell	Hawkes Bay	19	33	MP
Xavier White	Auckland	8	2	MP

Junior female	Club	Sprint	Long	Relay
Sophie Bacchus	CMOC	36	26	-
Elena Burns	OBOP	13	9	2
Sophie Herde	Auckland	3	11	2
Lara Nicoll	Hawkes Bay	4	17	-
Christina Symons	PAPO	10	8	2



National championship events

Elite placings for the 2024 National Orienteering Championships, and A-Grade events at the New Zealand Secondary School Championships.

NZ Orienteering Championships

Canterbury, 18-21 April 2025 | Host club: Peninsula and Plains Orienteers



SPRINT 21E

Men 21 Elite	Club	Placing
Zefa Fa'avae	Nelson	1
Joseph Lynch	PAPO	2
Nathan Borton	Auckland	3

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Women 21 Elite	Club	Placing
Lizzie Ingham	Wellington	1
Renee Beveridge	North West	2
Zara Stewart	Auckland	3

SPRINT 20E

Men 20 Elite	Club	Placing
Jake McLellan	Hutt Valley	1
Jakob Knoef	PAPO	2
Zack Meads	CMOC	3

Women 20 Elite	Club	Placing
Rachel Baker	Auckland	1
Katherine Babington	PAPO	2
Anna Babington	PAPO	3

MIDDLE 21E

Men 21 Elite	Club	Placing
Matt Ogden	Nelson	1
Zefa Fa'avae	Nelson	2
Joseph Lynch	PAPO	3

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Women 21 Elite	Club	Placing
Lizzie Ingham	Wellington	1
Kaia Jorgensen	PAPO	2
Zara Stewart	Auckland	3

MIDDLE 20E

Men 20 Elite	Club	Placing
Felix Hunt	PAPO	1
Jakob Knoef	PAPO	2
Jake McLellan	Hutt Valley	3

Women 20 Elite	Club	Placing
Katherine Babington	PAPO	1
Rachel Baker	Wellington	2
Anna Babington	PAPO	3

RELAY

Mixed open	Club	Placing
Zefa Fa'avae, Tide Fa'avae, Matt Ogden	Nelson	1
Sam Carryer, Zara Stewart, Nathan Borton	Auckland	2
Tane Cambridge, Katherine Babington, Jakob Knoef	PAPO	3

LONG 21E

Men 21 Elite	Club	Placing
Felix Hunt	PAPO	1
Zefa Fa'avae	Nelson	2
Matt Ogden	Nelson	3

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Women 21 Elite	Club	Placing
Lizzie Ingham	Wellington	1
Kaia Jorgensen	PAPO	2
Zara Stewart	Auckland	3

LONG 20E

Men 20 Elite	Club	Placing
Jake McLellan	Hutt Valley	1
Oscar Burns	OBOP	2
Marcus Brennann	OBOP	3

Women 20 Elite	Club	Placing
Rachel Baker	Wellington	1
Tide Fa'avae	PAPO	2
Katherine Babington	PAPO	3



New Zealand Mountain Bike Orienteering (NZMTBO) Championships

Otago, 1-3 February 2025

SPRINT

Open Men	Club	Placing
Chris Forne	Nelson	1
Conal Boland-Bristow	Dunedin	2
Ricky Thackray	AUS, WA Bibbulmun Orienteers	
Ryan Moore	PAPO	3
Open Women	Club	Placing
Rachel Drew	Hutt Valley	1
Kate Salmon	PAPO	2

MIDDLE

Open Men	Club	Placing
Conal Boland-Bristow	Hutt Valley	1
Tane Cambridge	PAPO	2
Ricky Thackray	AUS, WA Bibbulmun Orienteers	
Tim Farrant	CMOC	3
Open Women	Club	Placing
Rachel Drew	Hutt Valley	1
Kate Salmon	PAPO	2

LONG

Open Men	Club	Placing
Tim Farrant	Nelson	1
Chris Forne	PAPO	2
Ricky Thackray	AUS, WA Bibbulmun Orienteers	
Tane Cambridge	PAPO	3
Open Women	Club	Placing
Rachel Drew	Hutt Valley	1
Kate Salmon	PAPO	2

ROGAINE

Open Men	Club	Placing
Ricky Thackray	AUS, WA Bibbulmun Orienteers	
Ryan Moore	PAPO	1
Open Women	Club	Placing
Rachel Drew	Hutt Valley	1
Jas Rob	Other	



New Zealand Secondary School Orienteering Championships (NZSSOC)

Auckland, 11-13 July 2025 |

Hosted by: Auckland Orienteering Club



SPRINT EVENT

Senior male	School	Placing
Luke Jansen	Middleton Grange School	1
Solomon Randerson	Auckland Grammar School	2
Oscar Burns	Rotorua Lakes High School	3

Senior female	School	Placing
Niamh Hoare	Baradene College of the Sacred Heart	1
Bronwen Rees-Jones	Cambridge High School	2
Kate Robinson	Baradene College of the Sacred Heart	3

Intermediate male	School	Placing
Charlie Milne	Mount Albert Grammar School	1
Kade McLoughlan	Botany Downs High School	2
Even Rees-Jones	Saint Peter's Cambridge	3

Intermediate female	School	Placing
Sophie Herde	St Cuthberts College	1
Greta Prince	Cashmere High School	2
Jemima Hoskin	Fiordland College	3

Junior male	School	Placing
Aidan Barrett-Hamilton	Green Bay High School	1
Cormac Gray	Green Bay High School	2
James Keir	ACG Strathallan	3



Junior female	School	Placing
Sophie Bacchus	John Paul College	1
Tamsyn McCamis	Macleans College	2
Kara Morgant	Baradene College	3

Year 7/8 male	School	Placing
William Reeves	Saint Kentigern Boy's School	1
Toby Shoolbread	Saint Peter's College Auckland	2
Huxley Dewe	Glen Eden Intermediate School	3

Year 7/8 female	School	Placing
Stella Tanner	Baradene College	1
Lacey Gornall	Orewa College	2
Cheverny Jayasuriya	Saint Cuthbert's College	3





RELAY

Senior male school team

Placing

Havelock North High School - Team 1	1
Saint Kentigern College	2
Pukekohe High School	3

Senior female school team

Placing

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart - Team 1	1
Mount Albert Grammar School - Team 1	2
Havelock North High School	3

Intermediate male school team

Placing

Mount Albert Grammar School - Team 1	1
Auckland Grammar School - Team 1	2
Rotorua Lakes High School	3

Intermediate female school team

Placing

Rotorua Lakes High School	1
Saint Cuthbert's College	2
Baradene College of the Sacred Heart	3

RELAY

Junior male school team

Placing

Macleans College	1
Green Bay High School - Team 1	2
Palmerston North Boys High School	3

Junior female school team

Placing

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart - Team 2	1
Baradene College of the Sacred Heart - Team 1	2
Green Bay High School	3

Year 7 & 8 male school team

Placing

St Peter's College, Auckland	1
Sacred Heart College Auckland	2
Glen Eden Intermediate School - Team 3	3

Year 7 & 8 male school team

Placing

Saint Cuthbert's College - Team 1	1
Saint Cuthbert's College - Team 2	2
Baradene College of the Sacred Heart - Team 4	3



Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools (AIMS) Games

Tauranga, 10-11 September 2023 | Orienteering Bay of Plenty

SPRINT EVENT

Year 8 male	School	Placing
William Reeves	Saint Kentigern Boy's School	1
Charlie Bott	Taradale Intermediate	2
Aidan Coad	Ramarama School	3

Year 8 female	School	Placing
Cheverny Jayasuriya	Saint Cuthbert's College	1
Lacey Gornal	Orewa College	2
Stella Tanner	Baradene College of the Sacred Heart	3

Year 7 male	School	Placing
Toby Shoolbread	Saint Peter's College Auckland	1
Charlie Mortell	Sacred Heart College, Auckland	2
Anna Konrad	Sacred Heart College, Auckland	3

Year 7 female		Placing
Emily Williams	Baradene College	1
Thea Maritz	St Cuthberts College	2
Anna Konrad	AGC Strathallan College	3

ROGAINE EVENT

Year 8 male - School team	Placing
Tauranga Intermediate School	1
ACG Strathallan School	2
Aquinas College*	3

Year 8 female - School team	Placing
Saint Cuthbert's College - Team 1	1
Saint Oran's College	2
Orewa College - Team 1	3

Year 7 male - School team	Placing
St Peter's College, Auckland	1
Bethlehem College	2
Orewa College	3

Year 7 female - School team	Placing
Saint Cuthbert's College - Team 2	1
Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School - Team 3	2
Saint Cuthbert's College - Team 3	3

* The 3rd place in the Year 8 Boys Rogaine was a composite team meaning Aquinas College that were 4th finishers, were the 3rd placed school.





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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Event participation summary

2025 Events		FOOT-O (excl Schools)		SCHOOL		ROGAINE		MTBO		NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL		2025		2024	
CLUB		No of events	Total participants	No of events	Total participants	No of events	Total participants	No of events	Total participants	No of events	Total participants	No of events	Total participants	No of events	Total participants
Tūāraiki (Northern)															
Whangarei		4	94	1	40	12	452	-	-	-	-	17	586	11	444
North West		8	1,612	4	1,354	3	1,400	-	-	-	-	15	4,366	14	3,187
Lactic Turkey Ak Schools (sub-club)		-	-	15	4,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	4,885	15	4,336
Auckland		34	4,800	4	1,205	-	-	-	-	3	972	41	6,977	46	7,544
Counties Manukau		13	1,849	19	6,653	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	8,502	34	8,891
Waikato		12	949	1	37	14	1,066	-	-	-	-	27	2,052	25	1,883
Bay of Plenty		16	1,975	2	389	4	724	2	369	-	-	24	3,457	28	5,083
Taupo		3	409	6	393	9	418	1	4	-	-	19	1,224	21	2,072
Total Tūāraiki		90	11,688	52	14,956	42	4,060	3	373	3	972	190	31,463	194	33,440
Pokapū (Central)															
Taranaki		25	1,681	2	493	7	678	-	-	-	-	34	2,852	28	2,065
Hawkes Bay		24	2,688	24	897	5	220	-	-	-	-	53	3,805	56	3,357
Red Kiwi		18	2,103	1	87	2	513	-	-	-	-	21	2,703	14	1,688
Wairarapa		6	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	79	12	136
Hutt Valley		24	1,230	6	368	8	2,964	2	20	-	-	40	4,582	45	4,655
Wellington		18	2,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2,502	22	4,854	19	2,634
Total Pokapū		115	10,133	33	1,845	22	4,375	2	20	4	2,502	176	18,875	174	14,535
Taitonga (Southern)															
Nelson		20	1,599	-	-	5	733	1	75	-	-	26	2,407	24	3,586
Marlborough		10	762	1	185	11	1,108	-	-	-	-	22	2,055	23	2,442
PAPO		18	1,982	2	219	-	-	4	325	4	1,868	28	4,394	33	3,829
Dunedin		11	1,358	-	-	7	419	-	-	-	-	18	1,777	15	2,569
Central Otago (sub club)		3	288	-	-	2	347	-	-	3	287	8	922	3	523
Southland		10	796	1	145	-	-	1	69	-	-	12	1,010	17	903
Total Tūāraiki		72	6,785	4	549	25	2,607	6	469	7	2,155	114	12,565	115	13,852
TOTAL 2025		277	28,606	89	17,350	89	11,042	11	862	14	5,629	480	62,903	483	61,827



Appendix 2 - Annual awards part 1



Annual Awards

Year	Silva services to orienteering	Administrator of the Year	President's award	Innovation (new award 2020)	Coach of the Year	Brighthouse Trophy	Silva International performance	Kapiti Havoc International Performance	Silva Mountain Biker of the Year	Silva Rogainer of the Year
2024	Russell Higham	Kaye Harding	Greg Bacchus	Ryan Moore	Briana Steven	Carsten Jørgensen	Joseph Lynch	Zefa Fa'avae	Rob Garden	Sara Prince & Lara Scott
2023	Peter Swanson	Lisa Mead	Alan Moore	Neill McGowan	Val Robinson	Carsten Jørgensen	World Cup Sprint Relay Team	Zefa Fa'avae	Georgia Whitla	Vivienne Prince
2022	Lyndon Haugh	Robert Sutton	Guy Cory-Wright	Phillip Herries	Briana Steven	Carsten Jørgensen & Carey Martin	Tim Robertson	Zefa Fa'avae	Stuart Lynch	Marina Comesky & Oak Jones
2021	Joanne & Alistair Stewart	Ruth Farmer	Sally Dunston	Cameron de L'Isle	Anthony McGivern	Lizzie Ingham	Tim Robertson	Not awarded *	Rachel Drew	Not awarded*
2020	Jane Harding	Annemarie Hogenbirk	Myles Thayer	Owen Means	Gene Beveridge	Carsten Jørgensen	Not awarded *	Not awarded *	Pam & Len Rodenburg	Greig Hamilton
2019	Gillian Ingham	Jeni Pelvin	Rolf Boswell		Kieran Woods	Jill Dalton	Lizzie Ingham	Joe Lynch	Georgia Skelton	Tane Cambridge & Tim Farrant
2018	Leon McGiven	Jenny Cade	Jenny Cade		Carsten Joergensen	Kaia Joergensen	Tim Robertson	Georgia Skelton	Marquita Gelderman	Tim Farrant
2017	Alister Metherell	World Masters Oversight Committee	Stephen Reynolds		Renee Beveridge	John Robinson	Carey Nazaar	Tommy Hayes	Brent Simpson	Georgia Whitla & Greig Hamilton
2016	Phillippa Poole	Richard Smith	Peter & Erin Swanson		Lyn Stanton	Lisa Mead	Tim Robertson	JWOC Relay Team	Tom Spencer	Chris Forne/Greig Hamilton & Georgia Whitla/Lara Prince
2015	Selywn Palmer	Jenny Cade	Jane & Phillip Herries		Jean Cory-Wright	Carry Nazzar	Ross Brighthouse	Tim Robertson	Marquita Gelderman	Georgia Whitla & Greig Hamilton
2014	Malcolm Ingham	Anna Robertson	Unni Lewis		Jean Cory-Wright	Danielle Goodall	Tim Robertson	Tim Robertson	Tim Robertson	Georgia Whitla
2013	Derek Morrison	Erin Swanson	Alistair Stewart		Matt Ogden	Laura Robertson	Lizzie Ingham	Tim Robertson	Marquita Gelderman	Phil Wood
2012	Marquita Gelderman	David Turner	Trish & Alan Foote		Derek Morrison	Cosette Saville	Matthew Ogden	Matthew Ogden	Rob Garden	Kathrin Mueller & Val Rogers
2011	Paul Dalton	Alister Metherell	Chris Morris		Val Robinson	Patrica Aspin	Lizzie Ingham	Angela Simpson	Marquita Gelderman	Tim Farrant
2010	Geoff Morrison	Jeff Greenwood	Mike Beveridge		James Bradshaw	Tania Robinson	Chris Forne	Angela Simpson	Marquita Gelderman	Chris Forne
2009	Svend Pedersen	Roger Woodroffe	Wayne Gray		Derek Morrison	Peter Swanson	Chris Forne	Greta Knarston	Marquita Gelderman	Phil Wood
2008	Stuart Payne	Alister Metherell	Selwyn Palmer		Jenni Adams	-	Ross Morrison	Lizzie Ingham	Marquita Gelderman	Chris Forne & Dennis de Monchy
2007	Stewart Hyslop	Derek Morrison	Bill Hester		Geoff Morrison	-	Tania Robinson	Greta Knarston		
2006	Rob Crawford	Greg Flynn	Bev & Lyndsay Shuker		Gillian & Malcolm Ingham	Patricia Aspin	Chris Forne & Dennis de Monchy	Amber Morrison		
2005	Wayne Aspin	Beverley Holder	Lance Eccles		Neil Kerrison	Patricia Aspin	Marquita Gelderman	Lizzie Ingham		



Appendix 2 - Annual awards part 2



Annual Awards

Year	Silva services to orienteering	Administrator of the Year	President's award	Innovation (new award 2020)	Coach of the Year	Brighthouse Trophy	Silva International performance	Kapiti Havoc International Performance	Silva Mountain Biker of the Year	Silva Rogainer of the Year
2004	Jim Barr	Paul Smith	Russell Higham		John Robinson	Jeff Greenwood	Greg Barbour			
2003	Val Robinson	L & E Smith	Alan Horn			Rob Garden	Tania Robinson			
2002	Rob Garden	Bryan Teahan	Bert Chapman			Derek Morrison	Marquita Gelderman			
2001	Colin Tait	Jill Smithies	Trish Faulkner			Wayne Aspin	Edge Orienteering			
2000	Terry Brighthouse	Bruce Collins	Joanna Stewart & Geoff Morrison			Derek Morrison	Bunny Rathbone			
1999	Jim Lewis	Graham Teahan				Ted van Geldermalsen	Roz Clayton			
1998	Les Warren					Wayne Aspin	Antonia Wood			
1997	Bruce Collins					Terry Brighthouse	WOC Women's relay team			
1996	Chrissie Williams					Ross Morrison	World Cup Women's relay team			
1995	Bunny Rathbone					Ross Morrison				
1994	Ken Holst					Patricia Aspin				
1993	John Robinson					Rob Garden				
1992	Judy Martin					Marquita Gelderman				
1991	Bryan Teahan					Peter Ambler				
1990	Michael Wood					Bob Murphy				
1989	Laurie Baxter					Katie Fettes				
1988	Graham Teahan					Katie Fettes				
1987	Robyn Davies					John Fettes				
1986	John Rix					Jenny Martin				
1985	John Davies					Craig Brighthouse				
1984	Ralph King					Terry Brighthouse				
1983						John Davies				
1982						Andrew Smith				
1981						Geoff Bendall				

* Not awarded due to no international events





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