

Major Event Organisation Current Issues

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Current Issues

- Irish Championships - Role of IOA
- Budgets and Entry Fees
- Subvention for Major Events
- Event Safety and Risk Assessment

Irish Championships 2012

- A wake up call for IOA
- Limited or no dialogue has taken place between IOA and the organisers of IOC in the past
- Only contact has been in connection with the Major Events Subvention
- IOA Competition Rules and Guidelines have been available for consultation by the organising clubs

Irish Championships – IOA Response

- Contact between Controller of Technical Standards and organising club should be ideally at least three years in advance
- Provide guidance and advice not instruction or direct involvement
- Appointment of the organising clubs should be made for at least five years ahead

Irish Championships – IOA Response

- Objectives of the dialogue
- - IOA to define what is expected in terms of event standards and facilities
- - Define in what way IOA can help with, for instance publicity, mapping, controllers, and finance
- Provide experience transfer from one year to the next

Budget for the Irish Championships

- The budget and finances are the responsibility of the organising club
- As are the setting of entry fees
- Treatment of mapping costs are a major variable
- - Full mapping costs written off against the event?,
- or,
- - written off against the expected usage of the current version of the map?
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Budget for the Irish Championships

Competitor Numbers – Irish Championships						
Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number	245	215	219	231	387 (257 Irish)	162
Province	Ulster	Munster	Connacht	Ulster	Leinster	Munster

Competitor Numbers – Regional Championships

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Year	2009	2010	2011	2012
Leinster	213	201	215	170
Ulster	-	221	125	110
Munster	171	96 (held in 2011)	154	71
Connacht	164	126	196	133

Entry Fees – Long Distance

Entry Fees – Long Distance (Euros or Euro equivalent) based on first closing dates							
Event	IOC 2010	IOC 2011	IOC 2012		JK 2011	JK 2012	JK 2013
Senior	15.00	18.00	25.00		18.75	20.00	20.00
Junior	7.50	9.00	18.00		8.75	9.37	9.37
Family	37.50	-	-		-	-	-
SENIOR							
Sprint	7.50	-	-		9.37	10.62	10.62
Middle Distance	-	18.00	22.00		18.75	20.00	20.00
Long Distance	15.00	18.00	25.00		18.75	20.00	20.00
Relays (Senior teams)	37.50	42.00	66.00		41.25	45.00	45.00

IOA Major Events Subvention

- Available for Category 2 (C2) events – Irish and Regional Championships, and other Major Events – currently defined as Shamrock O-Ringen and Irish 3-Day
- So far no allocation of the Subvention has been made for the Regional Championships

IOA Major Events Subvention

- Organising clubs are notified at the start of the year in which their event is being held of the Subvention available – Has for last few years been a maximum of E1,000. But given the three year lead in needed for a Championship event, earlier notification of the amount available should be considered by IOA
- Its purpose is to assist with the additional costs involved in staging major high standard competitions, attracting international orienteers, and improving the media profile of the sport

IOA Major Events Subvention

- Subject to the Mandatory and Desirable Requirements of Guideline 20
- The level of the Subvention is assessed on a scoring basis by the Technical Sub-Committee as to how these Requirements are met. The amount payable is not dependent on the Organising Club making a loss or a profit
- A heavy weighting in the scoring is allocated to having 'independent' IOA Certified Event Controllers or BOF Grade 1 or Grade 2 Controllers, and to them providing event reports to the IOA

IOA Major Events Subvention

- Desire to make the event look and feel like international events with a well laid out arena or assembly area that also promotes the social aspects of the sport

Event Safety and Risk Assessment

- Safety of competitors, officials, spectators, and other users of the terrain
- Needs to be considered by Organiser, Planner, and Controller and although a Risk Assessment Report is currently not formally required by IOA, or our insurers, it is probably not far away in being a requirement
- But good practice
- Currently covered by Rule 2.4 (Event safety) and in paragraph 15 of Appendix A Course Planning Principles (Safety, Risk Assessment, and Mitigation)

Event Safety and Risk Assessment

- Rules deal mainly with the course risks to competitors, and not the broader risks
- Rules need to be revised
- Risks to be considered
 - - Weather
 - - Terrain
 - - Missing or injured competitors or officials
 - - Equipment failure
 - - Fire

Event Safety and Risk Assessment

- Mitigation
- - Assess the relative risks and the required response
- - Clearly define who shall be responsible in the event of a response being required
- - Consider the resources needed-both people and equipment